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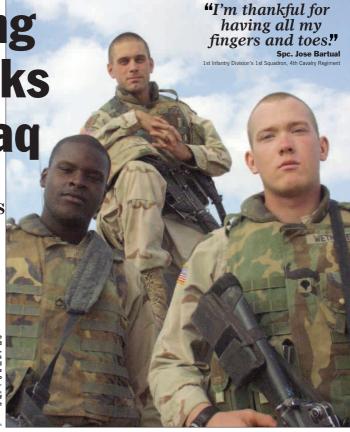
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Giving thanks in Iraq Close calls

leave troops counting their blessings

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The sappers from Company B of the 9th Engineer Battalion have suffered more than their share of close calls, rom mine explosions to mortar attacks to firefights. Their job is to find and identify roadside bombs before the bombs blow up, which exposes them to added risk. They are, from left: Pfc. Denaunbe Joshua, 20, of Washington, D.C.; Sgt. Jason Benton, 25, of Fortuna, Calif.; and Spc. Steve Wetmore, 20, of Union City, Pa.





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#### States

Martha Stewart appeal: The gov-ernment urged a federal appeals court in New York to uphold the conviction of Martha Stewart, arguing that "overwhelming evidence" supported the guilty verdict against the celebrity homemaker

Stewart, serving a five-month sentence at a West Virginia prison, had argued to the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals that prosecutors improperly suggested at her trial that she was charged with insider trading

The appeals court is unlikely to hear oral arguments in the case until early next year and probably will not rule on the appeal before Stewart leaves prison.

Gl's mother's death: A woman who collapsed and died hours after viewing the body of her son killed while serving in Iraq suffered a heart attack, Arizona authorities said.

Karen Unruh-Wahrer, 45, had atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease, more commonly known as hardening of the arteries, which led to her Oct. 2 heart attack, said Dr. Bruce Parks, Pima County's chief medical examin-

Unruh-Wahrer was said to be inconsolable after the death of her 25-year-old son, Army Spc. Robert Oliver Unruh, who was killed Sept. 25 by enemy fire near Baghdad

Impostor sentenced: A man who posed as a gynecologist after setting up an office in a self-storage complex was sentenced to four years in prison after pleading guilty to practicing medicine without a license

The charges stemmed from an undercover investigation that began after authorities in Dallas saw an ad in a weekly newspaper offering free medical care.

Thomas P. Remo, 50, of Ovilla, wore a scrub shirt and had some medical equipment in the makeshift exam room, a small kitchen in the storage facility office where he worked, authorities said

Hinckley request: The man who shot President Reagan may continue taking short, overnight trips away from a mental hospital, but a federal judge says John Hinckley Jr. is not ready for longer visits.

U.S. District Judge Paul L. Friedman on Wednesday denied Hinckley's request to spend four nights at a time, every two weeks, visiting his parents at their home in

Williamsburg, Va Friedman said he first wanted doctors to sort out whether Hinckley has unresolved feelings toward a former girlfriend.



U.N. hostages released: Philippine President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, right, greets freed Filipino hostage Angelito Nayan at the Malacanang palace in Manila on Thursday. The release this week of Nayan and two other U.N. workers who were kidnapped in Kabul is shrouded in mystery, the freed hostages have made no comment about how they were set free or who snatched them, and Afghan officials insist they did not agree to any concession.

Sniper shootings: Sniper mastermind John Allen Muhammad and his teenage accomplice Lee Boyd Malvo will not face charges for a slaying in Washington state months before they went on their rampage in and round the nation's capital, prosecutors said Wednesday

Prosecutor Jerry Costello said there was little point in putting on an expensive trial in Tacoma for the February 2002 shooting death of Keenya Cook since the pair already face the death penalty or life in prison in Virginia.

#### World

West Bank barrier: Israel should stop building its West Bank separation barrier if Palestinian militants halt attacks, Israel's president was quoted as saying Thursday, in the most high-profile criticism yet of the contentious project.

The separation barrier and the Gaza withdrawal are part of Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's so-called "unilateral disengagement" from the Palestinians. The barrier would serve as a temporary frontier until a final peace deal is negotiated.

Mark Thatcher trial: A South African court on Thursday postponed Sir Mark Thatcher's

trial for allegedly helping finance a foiled coup attempt in oil-rich Equatorial Guinea

until April 8 for further investigation. Thatcher, the 51-year-old son of former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. was not asked to plead.

Magistrate Awie Kotze granted the delay at the request of prosecutors. He also extended Thatcher's bail conditions, which require that he remain in the Cape Town area and report daily to police.

Thatcher, who has lived in South Africa since 1995, was arrested at his suburban Cape Town home on August 25 and charged with violating this country's anti-mercenary laws. He also faces charges in Equatorial

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Sgt. Orville Whitlock, 30, of Lynchburg, Va., explains how a rocket-propelled grenade hit his Company B, 9th Engineer Battalion Humvee during a patrol May 5. Whitlock and four other soldiers received shrapnel wounds which he said "feels like someone sliced open your back and poured in hot chicken grease" — but all survived.

# On edge but thankful

## Warfighters in Iraq say training, luck adrenaline get them through close calls

BY STEVE LIEWER Stars and Stripes

FORWARD OPERATING BASE MACKENZIE, Iraq ix-hundred-thirty times since the 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment ar-rived in Iraq last March. it has been attacked by the enemy

Sometimes a roadside bomb blows up next to a truck. A mortar ex-plodes in the middle of the base. Insurgents pop out from hidden positions and open fire with AK-47 rifles on a whole convoy. In Iraq, the front

lines are nowhere and they are every-

At a base like FOB MacKenzie, home of the 1st Infantry Division's 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, it is hard to find an infantryman, engineer. supply sergeant, pilot or clerk who hasn't had a close brush with death. Most have had sever-

They've through things with anyone except other combat veterans and fought fear

beyond anything most civilians will ever feel. The experience has changed some of them in ways they don't yet realize.

Spc. Jose Bartual

"nothing really significant."

For thousands of soldiers in the

"I'm thankful for having all my fin-

By now these men hardly mind

war zone, life itself is something to

gers and toes," said Spc. Jose Bartu-al. 26. of New York City.

small-arms fire, which at least gives them a chance to fight back. What

they hate most are the road-

side-bomb explosions. They come

be grateful for this Thanksgiving.

"These guys are battle-hardened. There isn't anybody who hasn't been under attack," said Maj. Kirk Dorr, 38, of Marlboro, Mass., the squadron's operations officer. "The logisticians and convoy supporters see just as much contact as our line troops."

Seven 1-4 Cavalry troopers and

one civilian from MacKenzie have died in the nine months since the unit took over the former Iraqi airfield 20 miles east of Samarra. More

than 50 others have been wounded. Hundreds of 1-4 Cavalry soldiers have dodged death by a whisker, aided by luck, pluck or divine provi-Almost everyone here can name three or four or more occa-

sions he should have died, but didn't "I can't even count them," said Spc. Joshua Burgess, 25, of Arlington, Texas, a member of Troop B. He has lived through two bomb attacks

on his convoy the same day and countless pot shots he describes as out of nowhere, from an invisible The first 10 or 15 seconds, every

thing is chaos," said Capt. John Tryl-ch, 30, the Troop B commander "The explosion, the dust and dirt. The radios start screaming, everyone is velling." But then the training really does

kick in. Soldiers remember what they're supposed to do: take a firing position, man a radio, organize troops or treat casualties. Leaders say panic is surprisingly rare.

"Even though you want to duck down, you can't," said Spc. Robert Laurell, 21, of Troy, Mo., a gunner

for the 9th Engineers. "Your battle buddies are relying on you to stay up there and keep firing."

Heading out on the next patrol isn't always easy. But it is part of the job. Every soldier must find a way to get past the

fear "Everybody deals with it differently," said Sgt. Jason Benton, 25, of the 9th Engineers, "I just try not to think about it, act like it's the first time I'm going out again.

Joshua Schmidt, 21, said he Spc. Robert Laurell didn't want to leave the base in an armorless Humvee after surviving a mine strike in an armored one last April

Bartual said he struggled to get back in his vehicle and go on patrols again after the near-miss at the cemetery.

"I was a nervous wreck after finishing that mission," Bartual said. "I used to get blisters from gripping the steering wheel so tight.'

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## Troops recount how they narrowly escaped death

#### Wrong place becomes right

Not long ago, Capt. John Trylch, 30, the lanky, redheaded commander of the 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment's Troop B "Bulldawgs," issued a stern butt-chewing to one of his Bradley fighting vehicle crews for parking on the main road of Forward Operating Base MacKenzie, Iraq,

instead of 40 yards away in a marshaling yard, the proper spot to line up for the afternoon convoy

Trylch thought about moving the Bradley and several Humvees to the vard but decided not to waste the time. Within five minutes, the comder and his troops heard the crack and the scream of an incoming rocket, followed by a deafening boom that sent everyone running for the safety of their armored vehicles





Capt. John Trylch

When the dust settled, Trylch and his men saw that the 107 mm rocket had landed just 40 meters away — precisely where the convoy should have lined up

"It was literally a stone's throw from where we were stand-ing," he said, shaking his head. "An angel was on our side that day

#### A landing and then a getaway

hief Warrant Officer 3 Rob Carpenter, 37, of the squadin the early-April uprising called the "battle of Baqouba" northeast of Baghdad.
Flying in support of the 1st Infantry Division's 3rd Bri-

gade, Carpenter and his co-pilot saw insurgents firing rock-et-propelled grenades toward them. Suddenly one hit their main rotor, knocking off four feet of one blade.
"We could feel the concussion," Carpenter said. "It was

violent. I wasn't thinking about anything else because I

very votent. I want ultiming about anyuning ease occuse had about seven seconds before I hit the ground."

In a crowded city neighborhood, they happened to come down — hard but safely — in the only open field around: a neighborhood cesspool. They could hear angry mobs and small-arms fire in the distance.

"We knew we needed to get away," Carpenter said. "I didn't want to leave the helicopter, but I didn't want to get strung up on a bridge, either,

Carpenter and the co-pilot ran through the muck and commandeered a civilian car, but they didn't know where to go. Then the "cavalry" rode to the rescue. Along came a convoy of troops from the 1st Squadron, 6th Field Artillery "I saw Humvees screaming around the corner," Carpent recalled. "I said 'God bless America!' "

#### No April fool

apt. Steven Janko, a military lawyer assigned to the 1-4 Cav, keeps a reminder of his closest call sitting on his

On April 1, as he walked back to his office from the com-

mand bunker at MacKenzie about 7 p.m., a shower of rockets rained down on the base. "We just started running into the bunker. Four or five rockets had come

down already," said Janko, 32, of Honolulu. He felt a spray of gravel hit his helmet. He looked behind him and saw a 107 mm rocket nose down in the parking lot, about 10 feet from where he stood. An 8-foot plume of smoke spewed from its tail - but the rocket didn't explode Janko ran into the office he shares with the squad-

ron's chaplain, Capt, Gary Fisher, and his assistant, Staff Sgt. Ed Baptist. "I said 'Guess what.







Sgt. Anthony Troche, left, and Pfc. Jihoon Ham

#### No safety in ambulance

't's a good day when you hit a bomb and your only casualty is a t's a good day ... bottle of iced tea.

Pfc. Jihoon Ham and Sgt. Anthony Troche, medics with the 557th Medical Company, learned as much in September, when a roadside bomb hit their ambulance as they convoyed from Mosul to Tikrit.

The vehicle in front of them spotted the bomb, but Ham and Troche's ambulance had rolled just past it when the unseen insurgent detonated it.

"I was kind of surprised," said Ham, 24, of Flushing, N.Y., who was driving, "It was a pretty loud boom,

The explosion flattened both tires and spun the ambulance three-quarters of the way around. A cascade of shrapnel pierced the patient compartment in the rear, but no one was there.

One jagged piece of metal penetrated the cab four inches from Troche's head. Another shattered a container of iced tea between them in the front seat.

"The whole vehicle was smelling like peach iced tea," said Troche, 28, of Hormigueros, Puerto Rico. The stunned medics looked at each and realized neither had been

"I said, 'Whoa, that was close!' " Troche recalled. "After that, we

### Dangerous roads

Sometimes close calls come in bunches.

could say we survived that one. We're good to go.'

That's a lesson Spc. Joshua Burgess, 25, of Arlington, Texas, learned Aug. 1 on Main Supply Route Grape, a highway east of Samarra that was frequently attacked during the summer when insurgents controlled the city

The patrol of three Humvees from Company B of the 1-4 Cav left that morning to check the route for roadside bombs: one of the most dangerous jobs on one of the most dangerous roads in Iraq.

Then his patrol found one.

A nowerful "daisy chain" homb made of three 155 mm artillery rounds tied together exploded underneath one of the other Humvees about 11 a.m. One soldier died instantly, and another lay mortally wounded, his legs blown off by the force of the blast

"Your world just goes to [exple-tive] when that happens," Burgess

Burgess, in the next Humvee. blacked out briefly and suffered a concussion.

But the natrol regrouped. A call went out for a medical evacuation helicopter for two injured soldiers, and to the "Bulldawg" troop headquarters for help.

Capt. John Trylch led a relief convoy that included three M1 Abrams tanks. They recovered the bombed-out vehicle, packed up, and rolled back toward their camp FOR MacKenzie

Trylch decided to try a trick a sergeant first class from an engineer platoon had suggested to him that morning. He ordered the almost indestructible tanks to

drive along the edges of the road, where insurgents typically bury the bombs. The sergeant said a tank would bury a bomb enough to limit the death and destruction even if it did blow.

The trick worked.

An even more-nowerful bomb, this one with four 155 mm shells exploded under a Humvee 10 minutes after they rolled out. The driver and a passenger suffered only minor injuries

"The tanks saved those guys," Trylch said later. "Even though it was a tragic situation, it was a lucky day."

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Spc. Joshua Burgess

## **Close:** Safety within inches

#### CLOSE, FROM PAGE 3

Occasionally someone finds excuses to dodge a mission. But soldiers know their buddies depend

on them. It doesn't happen often. "If you don't go, someone else has to," said Spc. Steve Wetmore, 20, of Union City, Pa., and the 9th

Sgt. Orville Whitlock, a squad leader with the

9th Engineers' sappers, sur-vived an RPG strike on his Humvee May 5. The detonating charge whizzed just inches from the heads of the two men in the right-side seats. exploding

against windfront shield in a showof safety glass. All five ocsuf cupants fered shrapnel wounds. Still he rides

on patrols sometimes in the same Humvee which still

is scarred with a large hole where the grenade hit.

Spc. Shaun Stupavsky

Everybody's scared. But you can't be too scared to function. Whitlock said. "I use the fear and the worrying about coming back as fuel to get through the mis-

"You have to keep your head in the game," Benton said. "You can't fear death."

Rarely do soldiers discuss these close calls with anyone back home. They don't want to worry wives, kids, husbands or parents

"I don't tell 'em anything - just 'everything's good, the weather's getting better,' "said Benton, who has a wife, Scharlamange, and two children back home in Schweinfurt, Germany. "They already worry enough about me.

"You've got to candy-coat it." said Spc. Shane Stupavsky, 20, of Quincy, Ill., who serves in Trylch's troop.

Even among themselves, soldiers say, they don't often talk much about combat once it's over. But there is an unspoken bond among troops who have been together in an especially hairy mission

"Sometimes just a glance, a pause in a discussion, is worth a thousand words," Trylch said.

With the 1st Infantry Division's now deployment three-quarters complete, troops are thinking more and more about getting home safely and need to stay focused on the mission at hand, soldiers said.

Nearly 100 of the 22,000 sol-

diers from the 1st ID-led Task Force Danger - which also includes brigades from the Hawaii-based 25th Infantry Division and the North Carolina National Guard, plus many smaller Guard and Reserve detachments -

Ironically, there is a grim joy to war. Soldiers report a fierce adrenaline rush

have been killed.

from combat, and they get to use the skills they've trained at for vears. There's a certain pride in surviving a tough scrape.

"Any soldier that's gone into combat has to be satisfied with what he's done,' said Capt. Gary Fisher, the 39-year-old 1-4 Cavalry chaplain from Alexandria. La. "It's life-defining. It's very fulfilling to have achieved 'mission complete.

He has twice been on convoys in which soldiers died from enemy attacks. He vividly remembers the pavement burning his knees, the sweat pouring from his head, as he prayed in the ear of an injured sergeant.

"I am most alive when I experience moments of combat " said Fisher, "It has a way of cutting away everything that's unnecessary for life."

Some soldiers say they've already sensed the jarring difference between life at home and life in a combat zone.

"When I went home on Frest



44I don't tell [the familul anuthina iust'everything's good, the weather's aettina better.' They already worru enouah about me. 17 Sgt. Jason Benton

and recuperation], people were just griping and bitching about litthings," Schmidt said. "They're not thinking about get-

ting killed every day.'

Dorr believes troops who have lived close to death have been changed in ways that they won't fully appreciate until long after they get home.

"There are certainly some people here who have seen some awful things," he said. "You're ei-ther going to leave Iraq a better person or a worse person. But you're going to change."

"I think they understand," Fisher said, "that this is the defining moment in their lives."

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## Thanksgiving in Iraq; home in their dreams



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Sgt. Brad Nix of the 644th Transportation Company grabs a Thanksgiving dinner Thursday at Logistics Support Area Anaconda, Iraq. Troops across the country had a chance to enjoy a traditional turkey dinner.

## All the trimmings are there, but the dinner isn't quite the same as Mom's home cooking

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BY RON JENSEN Stars and Stripes

LOGISTICS SUPPORT AREA ANACONDA, Iraq -Thanksgiving. Give thanks.

Thanksgiving in Iraq. Hey, thanks. Thanks a lot

'It kind of stinks," said Pvt. 1st Class Clifton Thompson, a mechanic with 1st Brigade, 25th Base Support Battalion He'd rather he back home in Olympia Wash He'd he

deer hunting with his father. Then he'd eat a big meal. Then he'd watch football. Then he'd

Instead, he's in a chow line, In Iraq, At LSA Anaconda's largest dining facility.

Thanksgiving. Give thanks 'It's like another duty day," said Tech Sgt. Tim Dorman of the 732nd Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron.

He, too, is in line. The sun is shining on the dust. He's not home in Virginia. They're smok

ing a turkey there. He'd help eat it. Watch football. Take a ang. Get up. And eat dessert. Again.

The dining facility looks nice. Some big colorful cakes declare in icing, "Happy Thanksgiving." There's a house made of crackers. Colorful bunting. In autumn colors.

Brown and orange It's festive. It's Thanksgiving-like They piled it on. KBR brought 200,000 pounds of turkey, 45,000 pounds of stuffing and 25 tons of mashed potatoes

to Iraq

Thanksgiving in Iraq. "Right now, my family's getting together at my brother's house. He lives in Fort Walton, (Fla.)," said Master Sgt. Philip Gaylord, 732nd Expeditionary Mission Support

roup. He's not there. He's in Iraq.

Sgt. Jimmy Billingsley is a driver with the 1171st Trans-portation Company with the Tennessee National Guard. He's dealing with it by playing mind games. "We make the best out of it," he said. "We know it's

Thanksgiving. So in our minds, we make it Thanksgiving."
Football later. Much later. The first game is at 9 p.m. in Iraq, long after the pumpkin pie. There were 73,750 pies in

theater.

Back home in Humbolt, Tenn., Sgt. Jerry Cox, also of

the 1171st, would "eat till you fall down."

He might do that here. There're 5,000

hams to be eaten, too. That's one thing, then, he won't miss out on: the food

'It just seems like another day in Iraq," he said The dining facilities held a competition.

Which one would be best decorated for the holiday. Ice sculptures, Big. tall cakes of several layers. Autumn colors. Thanksgiving, you know

The troops ate the turkey and the ham and the cranber-sauce — 25,000 pounds of cranberry sauce is in the

They dug into the pumpkin pie and the eggnog. Iraq was floating in 8,750 gallons of eggnog. Alcohol-free eggnog, of

course. It was a special day. A thankful day. Plenty of food. It was good, too.

was good, too.
"I'd be at my mother's house right now [in Tennessee],"
said Sgt. Christie Cosola of the 1171st. "That's where
they're at. The whole family gets together."
Not the whole family. She's in Iraq. First in line, actually. Just happened that way.

"Like every other day around here," she said. "I'm going home soon. That's what I'm thinking about." Something to be thankful about. It's Thanksgiving in

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## Back home, soldiers find solace in one another

The Hartford Courant

The two loners talk almost every day.

Five minutes on the phone What are you doing? Nothing special. How about you? Most times, Joe Yorski doesn't tell Dan Lawler much it hurts to have watched his old life — his pre-Iraq life - come apart, his marriage over, his family split in two

mention the way he can close his eyes sometimes and feel like he's back in Raghdad as if a mortar shell might fall at any second to shatter his peace.

There's no reason to dwell on these things with each other. Both already know. Even when it's not mentioned, their year in Iraq is with them, living in the pauses in conversation, pushing them clos-

up the phone in his New Jersey office and dials Yorski at the New Britain Police Department in New Britain, Conn. He just can't help wondering what his platoon mate from the 143rd Military Police Company might be doing. So he calls. And it doesn't matter what they talk about. It's enough that they are connected again.

Both need that contact, because the war came home with them. Not roadside bombs and gunfire, but different dangers, the kind of trouble that rings familiar to yet. erans of any war.

So as they try again to live normal lives, the loners find themselves doing what they're used to: watching each other's back.

veld was unconscious but alive. Lawler and another soldier cut

Rosveld from her seat helt and carried the 19-year-old between them toward the station, stopping only when a mortar explosion forced Lawler to his knees. "She stopped breathing!" Lawl-

er shouted in the crowded room.

The CPR didn't work. It couldn't. A small piece of shrapnel had hit a spot not protected by her body armor. It punched through her torso, burning a trail through her insides that no medic could fix. Rachel Bosveld, a homesick teen barely out of high school, was on her way back home.

#### Trouble at home

The argument between Yorski and his wife. Denise, was the kind nobody wins. Yorski's head was full of the falling towers of 9/11 and a friend he lost inside. He wanted to go back to the Connecticut National Guard's 143rd MPs, the unit with which he'd gone to the 1991 Gulf War. He wanted to serve his country in something other than a New Britain police

Denise argued that he'd done his service. The Army didn't need

For the 34-year-old Yorski, though, having a family was reason enough to serve, to want to defend his country. I have to put my foot down, he told himself. I have

He signed up to be Staff Sgt. Joe Yorski again. But he didn't expect his unit to be called up so quickly. The 143rd was among several in Connecticut that would get a look inside another Middle East war. As the months passed, he didn't

receive cards or letters or the care

packages that other soldiers re-

ceived. Something was wrong at

home. He talked to his wife from a

phone bank in downtown Baghdad

while his squad guarded the street

outside. He applied for emergency leave, but it was denied. He waited for a regular R&R and was among the first to receive one. Yorski flew home for the two-week leave. When he got there he learned his wife was s ing another man and had decided to serve him with divorce naners

The Army told him he didn't have to go back to Iraq. No. I have a squad, a bunch of young kids, Yorski told himself. I still have a

job to do. So he went back to Baghdad and to 3rd Platoon. The platoon was run by Lawler. Yorski had a growing friendship with the platoon sergeant who, when he wasn't snapping orders or chewing his soldiers out, reminded Yor-ski he had a family in Iraq that needed him, too. Lawler pushed Yorski right back into his duties. The two men bunked 5 feet from each other. In their scant off hours, they would talk about family life and missing their children

For Yorski, "Dan was a big



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#### Dodging bombs in Iraq On Oct. 26, 2003, Sgt. 1st Class

Dan Lawler was sitting in a Humvee in front of a Baghdad police station when the night air flashed with fire and shards of metal. The first detonations left his ears buzzing, but they were not loud enough to drown out the screaming

A mortar shell had hit the Humvee next to his. Lawler and others from the 143rd moved toward the screams. Three soldiers from another group, the 527th MP, had been hit. Two were in desperate shape, their legs tangles of meat and blood. Lawler found the third, her helmeted head slumped against the Humvee

#### Leaders serve up traditional feast



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Brig, Gen, William J, Rew. 35th Fighter Wing and Misawa Air Base installation commander, right, and Rear Adm. Kenneth W. Deutsch, commander of Patrol and Reconnaissance Force Seventh and Fifth Fleets and Fleet Air Western Pacific, serve turkey Thursday to Petty Officer 3rd Class Jason Patterson, Aircraft Intermediate Maintenance Detachment, in the Grissom Dining Facility at Misawa Air Base, Japan. Each year, base leadership and their families volunteer to serve the traditional holiday meal.

## Yokota helicopter lands safely after indicator pops up

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan - A UH-1N helicopter crew assigned to the 459th Airlift Squadron made a precautionary landing Tuesday at Chofu Airfield in Tokyo, Yokota officials said.

The two-member crew, flying a routine transport mission with five passengers aboard, set the helicopter down safely around 4:20 p.m. after an abnormal transmission light indicator popped up in the cockpit, accord-ing to a 374th Airlift Wing news release. There were no injuries or damage to the aircraft.

It's the third incident for a Yokota helicopter in the past three months. On Aug. 19, another UH-1N crew was forced to make a precautionary landing in Yokohama after encountering engine problems. Three weeks leak in the heliconter's hydraulic system and had to land on a baseball field near Numazu City in Shizuoka Prefecture.

There are no plans to ground Yokota's UH-1N for any extended safety inspection, said Capt. David Westover, a 374th Airlift Wing spokesman.

After a thorough inspection Wednesday morning, maintenance crews ran the aircraft briefly on the ground to ensure the transmission was functioning properly, he added. The aircrew flew it back to Yokota in the afternoon.

Since the 459th Airlift Squadron's inception in 1993, there have been no major incidents involving its aircraft, Westover said. The unit has won the Pacific Air Forces Flight Safety Award the past two years.

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#### Fussa festival set

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — The Fussa City Shopping Street Festival unfolds Sunday, highlighted by a parade featuring the Yokota Honor Guard and mascots from the base fire department and 374th Security Forces Squadron.

Sponsored by the Fussa lity Shopping Association, the festival is set for 10 a.m.

The parade gets under way at 1:30 p.m. and will stretch from Fussa station's west exit rotary to Risona Bank on Route 165. The Yokota Fire Department mascot, Sparky, and the Dare Lion, representing the Yokota Security Forc-es Squadron, will march in the procession.

A tug of war takes place at noon, with a wind ensemble performance slated for 3:30

#### **Exercise Active Shield**

Units from Iwakuni Marine Corps Air Station, Japan, will participate in Exercise Active Shield here with Japan Ground Self-Defense Force troops starting Monday

The exercise runs until Thursday and is designed to aid both countries' force-protection operations, according to an Iwakuni press release. Among the Iwakuni units particinating are the 13th Brigade and the 46th Infantry Regi-

From staff reports

## No family but plenty of food for Thanksgiving

BY TERI WEAVER Stars and Stripes

CAMP COINER, South Korea - Lobster tails, king crab claws, strip steaks and fried rice: It might not be mom's cooking, but soldiers and workers in this corner of Seoul's Yongsan Garrison weren't shy about loading up their plates despite being away from home on Thanksgiving.

"I eat with my eyes," said Spc. Reinhardt "Wally" Weilbacher, a 23-year-old from Micronesia who's with the 17th Aviation Brigade. He was staring at an empty lobster shell and a bowl full of boiled shrimp that he couldn't finish. He said the last time he was with family for Thanksgiving was

"I got used to it," he said of the years of senaration

"I got my own group of friends and family. He's my grandfa-ther," Weilbacher joked as he looked up at 1st Sgt. Rodney Adams. The sergeant, who is from Orangeburg, S.C., and also with the 17th Aviation Brigade, stifled a smile.

"I'm going to let that go because you're being interviewed," Adams quipped.

Of course, the Tower View Inn dining hall had all the usual trimmings of turkey, potatoes (can-died or mashed), dressings (cornbread or savory), greens, peas corn on the cob and macaroni and cheese. The carved roast beef sat in between the salad bar and the dessert case.
In the kitchen, officers dressed

in class blues took orders from

"It's an Army tradition," said Capt. Allan Goode of the 201st Signal Company with the 1st Signal Brigade. "Commanders come in and serve food and spend time with [the soldiers] while they're away from their families.

Goode, from Austin, Texas, oversees more than 200 soldiers and civilians in his company, which oversees the computer sys tem for all of Area II, with 11,000 users. "That keeps us busy,"

On Thursday, offering up two kinds of bread stuffings kept the captain busy. He and his compaserved from 12:15 p.m. 12:30 p.m., part of a rotation that allows officers from several companies the chance to serve.

Back in the dining room, Pfc. Marcus Rurriss had shelled out \$5.40 for his Thanksgiving meal but couldn't quite finish both the steak and the turkey. Burriss, 19, of Anderson, S.C., had come over to the Tower View on his lunch break from his work at 8th Army Personnel Command.

Burriss has been in South Korea "one year and eight days, he said, prompting laughter from Sgt. James Quashie, 47, of Brook-lyn, N.Y., and Spc. Salvador Sanchez of Fort Stockton, Texas.

Last year, Quashie was lucky enough to be with family during Thanksgiving. This year, he said, he was happy with the break from work and with the selections from the dining hall. "The choices for us were more than ade-quate," he said.

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hers of the 94th Military Police hattalion serve Thanksgiving dinner Thursday at the Tower View Inn at Camp Coiner in Seoul. From left are Command Sgt. Maj. Norwood L. Patterson, Maj. Detrick L. Briscoe, Sgt. Maj. Patrick Dawson and 1st Sgt. Gerald Stegemeir.

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## Al-Zargawi lieutenant captured in Mosul

## American civilian working with embassy killed outside Green Zone

BY SAMEER N. YACOUB

BAGHDAD — A lieutenant of Iraq's most feared terrorist leader Abu Musab al-Zarqawi was captured a few days ago in Mosul, and Iraqi troops searching suspected terrorist hideouts in Fallujah discovered a labora-

ing suspected terrorist hideouts in Fallujah discovered a laboratory with manuals on manufacturing explosives and toxins including anthrax, Iraq's national security adviser said Thurs-

Also, the U.S. military said it discovered the "largest weapons cache to date in the city of Fallujah." The weapons — including anti-tank mines and a mobile bomb-making lab—were found inside a mosque used by an insurgent leader. Troops also found documents detailing hostage interrogations, the military said.

The U.S. Embassy said Thursday that an American civilian working with the embassy was killed during an attack outside the Green Zone. In Washington, U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell identified the man as James Mollen, a State Department education specialist who served as a consultant to Trady sminister of education and the minister of higher education.

Spokesman Pete Mitchell said Mollen was traveling in a vehicle outside the protected Green Zone, which houses the U.S. and Iraqi leadership, when he came under gunfire Wednesday afternoon

Five Arab foreign fighters who escaped from Fallujah were arrested near the southern city of Basra, where they were planning to attack coalition bases and police stations, authorities said.

National security adviser Qassem Dawoud identified al-Zarqawi's alleged lieutenant as Abu Saeed, but he gave no further de-

Insurgents rose up this month in Mosul, Iraq's third-largest city, in support of rebels in Fallujah, who were routed by U.S. and Iraqi forces in an offensive that began Nov. 8. U.S. and Iraqi authorities managed to regain control of Mosul after the entire 5,000-member police force disintegrated.

Al-Zarqawi, whose al-Qaida-linked group has been responsible for numerous car bombings and beheadings of foreign hostages, including three Americans and a Briton, was believed headquartered in Fallujah. But the Jordanian-born extremist managed to escape the siege.

The United States has offered a \$25 million reward for al-Zarqaw-i's capture — the same amount being offered for Osama bin Laden and his deputy, Ayman al-Zawahri.

In Fallujah, Iraqi forces uncov-



A column of smoke is seen from behind Baghdad's Green Zone Thursday. Several explosions echoed Thursday across Iraq's capital of Baghdad, as thick black smoke rose above the heavily protected Green



A firefighter hoses down a burning Iraqi police car after it came under attack from unknown gunmen in western Baghdad on Thursday. Witnesses said three police officers were wounded in the attack.

ered a lab in the southwestern district of the city, where pockets of insurgents are still holding out following the assault.

"We also found in the laboratory manuals and instructions spelling out procedures for making explosives," Dawoud said.

Dawoud showed pictures of a shelf containing what he said were various chemicals.

Earlier, the U.S. military said it had uncovered the largest arms cache yet inside the mosque of an insurgent leader in Fallujah. Troops found small arms, artillery shells, heavy machine guns, and anti-tank mines Wednesday inside the Saad Abi Bin Waqas Mosque in central Fallujah where Sunni rebel leader and inam Abdullah al-Janabi often spoke, the U.S. military said in a statement.

U.S. Marine officers say they so far have found enough weapons in Fallujah to refuel a nationwide rebellion.

Elsewhere in the mosque compound, troops also found what may be a mobile bomb-making factory housed in a truck, as well as mortar systems, rocket-propelled grenades, launchers, recoilless rifles and parts of surface-to-air weapons systems, the statement said.

The troops also found "documents that detailed insurgent interrogations of recent kidnap victims," the statement said.

U.S. and Iraqi troops continue to sweep the city amid sporadic gun battles with rebel holdouts.

Meanwhile, Basra Police Chief Brig. Mohammed Khazim said the five men were stopped late Wednesday at a checkpoint in Ournah, about 35 miles north of Basra, and "personal weapons" were found in their four-wheel-drive vehicle.

Defense Minister Hazem Shaalan said earlier this week that about 60 Arab fighters have been arrested during the Fallujah assault.

The U.S. and Iraqi leadership have repeatedly maintained that foreign fighters from neighboring Arabic countries have joined the insurgency.

Two of the captured fighters were identified as being from Saudi Arabia, two from Tunisia and one from Libya.

Meanwhile, an explosion hit a domestic pipeline Thursday that runs from northern Kirkuk to the Beiji refinery, oil officials said.

Saboteurs also attacked two oil wells near the Himreen Mountains, 75 miles south of Kirkuk, but the oil continued flowing, the official said.

## U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Wednesday, at least 1,230 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. At least 961 died as a result of hostile action, the Defense Department eaid.

The figures include three military civilians.
The British military has reported 74 deaths;
Italy, 19: Poland, 13: Spain, 11: Ukraine, nine:

The British military has reported /4 deaths, Italy, 19; Poland, 13; Spain, 11; Ukraine, nine; Bulgaria, seven; Slovakia, three; Estonia, Thailand and the Netherlands, two each; and Denmark, El Salvador, Hungary and Latvia have reported one death each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1,092 U.S. military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 852 deaths resulting from hostile action, accord-

ing to the military's numbers.

The latest deaths reported by the military:

■ No new deaths reported.

The latest identifications reported by the mili-

Army Spc. David L. Roustum, 22, West Seneca, N.Y.; killed Saturday in a grenade attack on his vehicle in Baghdad; assigned to the Army National Guard, 1st Battalion, 108th Infantry Regiment, Tonawanda, N.Y.

Army Sgt. Joseph M. Nolan, 27, Philadelphia; killed Nov. 18 when an explosive detonated near his vehicle in Fallujah, Iraq; assigned to the 312th Military Intelligence Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

## Fort Hood GI charged in Iraqi civilian's death

BY T.A. BADGER The Associated Press

A U.S. soldier stationed at Fort Hood, Texas, was arrested and jailed Wednesday on a murder charge in the death of an Iraqi civilian in January.

Staff Sgt. Shane Werst, 31, of El Toro, Calif., is accused of killing the Iraqi man while serving with the 3rd Brigade Combat Team out of Fort Carson. Colo.

He also is charged with obstruction of justice for allegedly trying to get his comrades to lie about what happened to Naser Ismail after the Iraqi man was taken into custody in Balad on Jan. 3.

Werst is one of a number of Fort Carson-based soldiers charged with crimes in

Two other members of the 3rd Brigade Combat Team face trial for manslaughter in the drowning of an Iraqi man who soldiers reportedly pushed off a bridge into the Tigris River in January.

Lt. Col. Jonathan Withington, chief spokesman for the 4th Infantry Division at Fort Hood, said charges were filed against Werst within days after another soldier came forward to report the alleged inci-

"It happened almost a year ago, but the evidence just emerged and just became known to the division," Withington said. "The command immediately brought in [Army criminal investigators] and we're going to get to the button of it."

Withington said Ismail was taken into custody by Werst's unit during a building-by-building search in Balad.

He would not say how Ismail died or whether charges against other soldiers "It is an open and active investigation Withington said.

"Currently we're focused on this specific soldier in this specific incident. Anything

else would be speculation on my part."

Werst, who has been in the Army for nearly 14 years, is currently assigned to the 4th Infantry's Headquarters and Headquarters Company.

He was being held Wednesday at the Bell County jail in Belton because Fort Hood does not have its own lockup

Hood does not have its own lockup. Withington said a hearing will be held within a week to determine whether Werst will be released or remain confined until

his trial. No trial date has yet been set. If convicted of murder, Werst could be sentenced to life in prison without possibili-

ty of parole and dishonorable discharge. The obstruction of justice charge carries a maximum penalty of five years confinement, along with dishonorable discharge.

At least four other Fort Carson soldier

face charges for alleged crimes in Iraq.
Sgt. 1st Class Tracy Perkins, 33, is scheduled for trial at Fort Hood next month on charges of manslaughter, conspiracy, assault and lying to investigators stemming from the alleged drowning of an Iraqi civil-

ian in Samarra.

Perkins and 1st Lt. Jack Saville, both part of the 3rd Brigade Strike Team, are accused of pushing two Iraqis off a bridge into the Tigris River as punishment for violating curfew. Perkins is also charged with assault for a similar incident near Balad in

Saville, a 24-year-old West Point graduate, will be tried in January.

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Fort Carson also is home to the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, two of whose troops were charged in October with "unauthorized treatment of Iraqi individuals" for a reported incident near Ar Rutbah between May and July.

## In Mosul, grisly discoveries follow in insurgents' wake

BY KIRSTEN SCHARNBERG

Chicago Tribune

MOSUL, Iraq — Almost every morning for the past several days, American soldiers have made a gruesome discovery. Sometimes the bodies are partly burned; sometimes they are dismembered; sometimes they are dismembered; sometimes they are shot in the head.

when two more victims were found slumped on a busy street corner this week, Lt. Col. Erik Kurilla finally lost it. The Army commander, a bear of a man who usually is the first to crack a joke even in the direst of circumstances, stormed across the street and began chastising the Iraqis gathered there.

"Why do you not have the common decency to clean them up?" shouted Kurilla, who is in charge of securing much of historic Mosul, as he angrily motioned to the bodies.

"Your fellow Iraqis are lying dead in the streets, and you sit there doing nothing. To say nothing is to support the insurgents. These were Iraqi soldiers who were trying to help your country, to serve you. How can you do nothing?"

Kurilla's outrage stems not just from the fact that Mosal, once a relatively peaceful city, is fast becoming a haven for violent insurgents. His larger concern is that cases insurgents seem to have come to aurogenatic conclusions: that they cannot overcome the United States' military might and that their best chance to assume control of neighborhoods, cities or even the nation is to redouble their attacks on fellow Iradouble I

Over the past 10 days, the bodies of more than 20 Iraqi police officers, soldiers and national guardsmen have been found in this northern city, where winter has begun to settle with a nearly constant, cold, pelting rain. Masked gummen have stormed or burned nearly a dozen police stations. And scores of families with members in one of the Iraqi security forces have received death threats or other forms of in-

Although attacks against Iraqi soldiers and police are common in this unsettled country, perhaps in no place more than Mosul have the results been as profound or the stakes as high.

In just a few days, the police force in one of the most densely populated portions of the city has dwindled from several thousand officers to only a few hundred, and two Iraqi National Guard units in the region were forced to disband when between a third and half of their soldiers fled, a U.S. military official said.

Mosul, Iraq's third-largest city, cannot afford to lose is incity, cannot afford to lose is indigenous security. Although it once was occupied by an entire U.S. Army division of about 10,000 soldiers, Mosul now is held by a force about a third that size, a reduction deemed acceptable because local police and Iraqi military branches were believed strong enough to help maintain the peace.

"The insurgents know they can't take us on and win militarily," Kurilla said. "They learned that from watching Fallujah. But they can create a lot of problems by taking out the Iraqi army and

police."

In the aftermath of the recent murders and resulting desertions, U.S. platons are being paired with their Iraqi counterparts in an effort to build the Iraqis' confidence as well as encourage them to remain in uniform. Together they are training meaning the properties of t

"You are brave men, and the future of your city and country depend on you," It. Col. Todd McCaffrey of the Army's 1st Battalion, 5th Infantry Regiment told Iraqi soldiers one recent afternoon as he checked in on one of the joint patrols.

But the joint missions do not always go flawlessly. Many Iraqi soldiers insist on wearing masks



Above: Iraqi National Guard soldiers remove a body after two men were found murdered in Mosul, Iraq, on Thursday. Right: A U.S. Army soldier looks out from his armored vehicle after troops came under small arms fire in Mosul. The U.S. military said five more bodies were found Wednesday in orthern Mosul, bringing the total to 20 bodies found in the past week.

while conducting missions and patrols. And sometimes they are reluctant to talk with residents on the street for fear that someom will recognize their voices. That frustrates U.S. military officers who struggle to overcome the language barrier with the Ira-qis and who long have hoped that Mosul's residents would trust local troops far more than the Americans who routinely kick in their doors during searches and



patrols.

Even more, because the Iraqi troops often ride in the kinds of unarmored vehicles that are most vulnerable to suicide at-

tacks and roadside bombs, they can be jumpy. Sometimes they open fire with little cause on passing cars or start shooting without warning during foot patrols.

### IN THE WORLD

## Ukraine court forbids release of vote results

By JIM HEINTZ The Associated Press

KIEV. Ukraine - Ukraine's Supreme Court said Thursday that the country's presidential election results would not be published as official until it considers an anneal filed by the opposition candidate, who has claimed the vote was rigged.

The decision could significantly boost supporters of opposition leader Viktor Yushchenko, who have flooded the streets of Kiev since the Sunday run-off and won significant international backing.

But it also foretells a continuation of tension for several days. The appeal will be considered on Monday, court spokeswoman Liana Shlyaposhnikova said.

Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovych was declared winner of the election on Wednesday with a margin of about three percentage points, but he cannot become president until the results are officially published

Yushchenko's campaign filed an appeal earlier in the day.

The protesters have braved freezing temperatures in Kiev's Independence Square since Sunday's run-off election, saying the hallot was rigged to allow Yanukovych to win. They received a boost Thursday from visiting



Supporters of Ukraine's Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovych and opposition candidate Viktor Yushchenko discuss the results of the elections in downtown Kiev on Thursday. Defeated presidential candidate Viktor Yushchenko filed an appeal with Ukraine's Supreme Court on Thursday to declare the election results invalid, the Interfax news agency reported.

Lech Walesa, the founder of the Polish Solidarity movement, who said he was "amazed" at their enthusiasm and predicted their protest would succeed.

Walesa, in Ukraine to try to mediate in the crisis, said he met earlier with Yanukovych, "not as a presidential candidate but as prime minister. If he is prime minister, then he should unify and not divide the people.

Western observers have denounced the vote as fraudulent, citing voter intimidation, multivoting and other irregularities. The United States and the Union said they couldn't accept the results as legitimate and warned the Ukrainian government of "consequences" in relations with the West.

It was unclear whether Yush chenko's appeal was legally valid.

According to the Interfax news agency, only election results from individual voting districts can be

The opposition whole. planned to file complaints in regional courts to protest the vote results

The Western-leaning reformist Yushchenko and his allies had called for an "all-Ukrainian political strike" starting Thursday.

However, there were no indications that a national strike was taking hold, although workers from several factories in Yushchenko's stronghold region of Lviv were reportedly leaving their jobs to come to Kiev.

In another sign of a growing split, some 300 Ukrainian diplo mats signed a joint statement of support for Yushchenko, a diplomat told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

The election has led to an increasingly tense tug of war be-tween the West and Moscow. which considers Ukraine part of its sphere of influence and a buffer between Russia and NATO's eastern flank Russian President Vladimir

Putin had congratulated Yanuk ovych on his victory even before full official results were released He sent another telegram of congratulations Thursday, saying Yanukovych's election would help "bring the Russian-Ukrainian strategic partnership to a new

## Activist: African girls in Europe subjected to genital mutilation

BY WILLIAM J. KOLE The Associated Press

VIENNA, Austria - Young girls born in Europe to immigrant families from Africa are being subjected to ritual genital mutilation, and authorities are doing little to discourage it, a leading women's rights activist warned Thurs-

Somalia-born supermodel and best-selling author Waris Dirie who has campaigned to end the disfiguring practice she suffered at age 5 in her homeland, said she estimates one in every three African families living in Europe is secretly carrying out the ritual on their daughters. No official figures evist

The procedure - illegal in most European countries — is especially prevalent in Germany and the Netherlands, as well as in Austria, where an estimated 8,000 girls born into immigrant families have been affected, Dirie said.

"We don't know who's doing it and where," because there are few initiatives to prevent it or to encourage doctors, nurses, social workers, teachers and others to report suspected cases, Dirie said An exception is France, where there is strong awareness and edu-

"What good is a law if no one is

paying attention?" Dirie told reporters in Austria, where she was being honored Thursday by a Roman Catholic men's movement for her efforts to stop the practice.

Islamic religious leaders are telling Europe's Muslim Africans that the prophets recommend the ancient ritual, which involves the removal of the clitoris often with a dull blade and no anesthesia.

"That is a catastrophe," she said. "Every imam who is not actively against genital mutilation is guilty. Mutilation is not a tradition - it's a crime that must be abolished.

Although women generally perform the procedure, sometimes called female circumcision, men ultimately are responsible be-cause "untrimmed" young women "face great difficulties in African societies in finding a hus-band." Dirie said.

Between 100 million and 140 million women have undergone genital mutilation worldwide, and 2 million girls are at risk each year, according to the World Health Organization, which says the practice can lead to infection, the spread of AIDS and crippling physical, psychological and sexual problems.

The practice has been on the rise not only among immigrants



women's rights activist Waris Dirie says many of Europe's African immigrants are subjecting their young daughters to ritual genital mutilation, and authorities are doing little to discourage it.

in Europe but also in Australia. Canada and the United States WHO says.

Petra Bayr, an official with Austria's Socialist Party, said the bloc's women would press the government to consider genital mutilation an "act of violence" and legitimate grounds for women fleeing it to be granted asylum in Aus-

"Women who are threatened with genital mutilation or have already suffered it should not have to wait for months for an open door," added Raimund Loeffelmann, a spokesman for the Catholic men's organization honoring

Dirie on Thursday.
"I didn't move," Dirie told The
Associated Press in a 1996 interview describing the ordeal she en-dured at age 5. "I just shivered. There was no painkiller, no anesthesia, no nothing."

## Iran insists on making changes to U.N. accord

BY GEORGE JAHN The Associated Press

VIENNA, Austria - Iran insisted Thursday it had a right to exempt some equipment from an agreement with the European Union committing it to freeze all parts of a program that can make nuclear weapons-grade uranium - a move that diplomats said threatened to scuttle the deal.

Mohamed ElBaradei, the chief U.N. nuclear watchdog, revealed Iran's continued refusal to in-clude some centrifuges in the agreement - which the EU says mandates a suspension of all activities related to uranium enrichment. ElBaradei spoke as board members of his International Atomic Energy Agency grappled with the text of a resolution meant to police Iran's suspension

One of the delegates, who demanded anonymity, described Iran's move as an attempt at arms twisting to wrest concessions on the language of the resolution. Tehran wants any text stripped of even the most indirect allusions to a "trigger mechanism" that would enable the board to ask the U.N. Security Council to deal with violations of the suspension

But another delegate said that unless agreement is reached with the Europeans - Iran's ap parent ploy could backfire and

pledge.

generate support for a more than yearlong U.S. effort for Security Council involvement.

Diplomats said the Americans who insist Iran wants to make - were unhappy with the draft, which makes no direct reference to the possibility of referral But Iranian President Mohamed Khatami said the text was too tough and would have to be watered down.

"This resolution is not a good resolution," Iran's state news agency IRNA quoted him as say-

No agreement on the draft was expected Thursday.

Separately, Elbaradei said Pakistan gave the agency approval in principle to inspect some of its own nuclear equipment to test claims by Tehran. He suggested the agreement with Pakistan traditionally secretive about its nuclear activities - could help answer questions about enriched uranium that Tehran insists was inadvertently imported on black market components from Paki-

ElBaradei, head of the International Atomic Energy Agency, said his inspectors would be able to verify a suspension of all enrichment-related programs "with one exception" centrifuges one exception" — centrifuges that Iran insists are not part of the freeze agreement and claims it needs to run for research pur-

## **Report: Early release for Army deserter Jenkins**

TOKYO - U.S. Army deserter to North Korea Charles Jenkins will be released this week from a jail near Tokyo, six days earlier than planned,

a media report said Thursday Jenkins, who was convicted of desertion and of aiding the enemy in a Nov. 3 U.S. court-martial and sentenced to 30 days' imprisonment, will be released at Yokosuka Naval Base on Saturday. Kyodo News agency reported, citing unnamed sources.

Jenkins deserted his Army unit along the Demilitarized Zone between the Koreas in January 1965

After defecting to the North, he met and married a Japanese woman, Hito-mi Soga, who had been kidnapped by North Korean agents.

The Japanese government was able to secure the release of Soga from the

tightly controlled communist country in October 2002 and she returned to

It then arranged for Jenkins and their two daughters to join her in Japan earlier this year, saying that the former Army sergeant needed medical treatment from Japanese doc-

Jenkins was discharged from a hospital on Sept. 11 and immediately turned himself in to U.S. military au-

thorities in Japan to face desertion and other charges.

After arranging a plea bargain, he was convicted at Camp Zama Army

It will take about a week for Jenkins to be formally discharged from the Army after he is released from prison on Saturday, Kyodo said.

northern Japan, it said.

The family then plans to return to Soga's hometown on Sado Island in



## In hurry to progress, old fears raised

#### As Laos readies to welcome ASEAN, locals worry their snake goddess is angry

BY SUTIN WANNABOVORN The Associated Press

VIENTIANE, Laos - As isolated Laos debuts with its first big conference, residents in the dusty capital who watched a huge venue going up overnight on the Mekong River are wondering: Has all the bustle angered the waterway's snake god-

This landlocked Communist country of 5 million people worked feverishly with foreign developers to prepare for Thursday's opening of the 10th Association of Southeast Asian Nations conference

"We are 100 percent ready," Laos For-ign Minister Somsavat Lengsavat said. The preparation for the summit is ready from all aspects, both in the areas of security and facility

A Malaysia-Laos joint venture built the 14-floor Don Chan Palace on an artificial embankment on the Mekong, a hotel and convention center that dwarfs Vientiane's low-slung skyline of houses that rarely reach five stories

Some local residents attribute the deaths last month of 16 women whose boat cap sized on the Mekong to the river snake goddess Naga and her anger over the hurried \$25 million construction

"Some of my employees say that if the Naga becomes really angry, maybe this hotel will fall down," said Cristy Gonzales, Don Chan's Filipina sales manager.

Laos, ASEAN's poorest member, has beefed up security and urged the capital's half-million people in daily radio broadcasts to respect efforts to pull off the biggest meeting in the Laotian people's

800-year history. The conference gets under way Thursday with senior ministers preparing statements on topics ranging from terrorism to free-trade plans for national leaders who meet next Monday and Tuesday. The 10 core nations of ASEAN join summit partners Japan, China, South Korea, India, Australia and New Zealand.

A 60-year-old vendor who sells food in the Mekong held the construction responsible for last month's river accident during a traditional Buddhist race

"I think the boat sank because the Naga was angry about the hotel being built on the river, blocking the route of the Naga said the vendor, who identified herse only as Thip. "I respect the Naga and offer flowers to her every night and ask for bless-ing for a successful summit."

#### U.S. won't report S. Korea

WASHINGTON - The Bush administration has decided against moving to report South Korea to the U.N. Security Council Thursday for conducting a series of secret nuclear experiments four years ago, U.S. officials said

The decision, made during a phone call between Secretary of State Colin Powell and his designated successor, national security adviser Condoleezza Rice, curtailed a proposal by some in the administration who wanted to confront the Seoul government Thursday when the International Atomic Energy Agency opens its meeting in Vien-

na. Those officials had argued that report ing South Korea to the security council would encourage allies to take the same nath later with Iran, which the U.S. believes is conducting a nuclear weapons program. But Seoul had conducted a two-month diplomatic offensive, sending high-level officials to Washington and other capitals to

plead its case.





Cars line up during a traffic jam in Athens earlier this month. Nearly two months after the end of the Olympics, Athenians have come to the growing realization that the traffic situation in Athens has not improved.

## Athens slides back into gridlock

BY BETSY VERECKEY

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — Taxi driver Manuel Pircolos is fuming.

At a dead-stop in traffic, he chain smokes, drums his fingers on the dashboard and sums up life behind the wheel.

"It's crazy! ... I smoke too many cigarettes when traffic is bad because I'm stressed," he said, hopelessly stranded in a downtown shopping district. Dug-up tarmac and double-parked vehicles pile on

Everywhere across the exasperated capital, a post-Olympic reality is sinking in.

Athens — despite its brand new highways, overpasses and transport networks hastily built for the Games — remains dreaded by its drivers, who are watching in horror as the city's streets steadily seize

At 38, and a 10-year veteran of navigating Athens' narrow arteries, Pircolos is convinced that driving from A to B has gotten harder even with all the new infrastructure that was built for the Olympics.

"Ten years ago, it used to take four to five minutes to go on one (particular route) ... Now it takes 25 to 30."

Government planners had hoped the Olympics would shake up driving habits in a city of nearly 5 million people and 2 million cars. Typically unruly Athenians used public transport more frequently and put up with new traffic control cameras and lanes reserved for games officials.

But tens of thousands of residents who skipped the Games for a summer vacation brought gridlock back with them, leaving traffic experts searching for new ideas.

Downtown driving restrictions that started in the 1980s — based on whether license plates end with an odd or even number — have been rendered ineffective by an economic boom that allowed Greece to stage Olympic Games.

The government, resigned to rising vehi-

cle ownership, is drawing up a "transport charter" which includes tougher penalties, especially for cars parked illegally in bus

lanes.

It has also launched a campaign to persuade Greeks to take more public transport with a new flat systems, aimed at cutting commuters' car use from currently more than 65 percent to 50 percent in three years. A large portion of the Olympic cost went for construction of a so-far little-used tram network, suburban rail line and Athens metro extension.

Transport expert Antony Stathopoulos, a professor at the National Technical University of Athens, says drivers should also pay a higher price for taking their car to work, and is urging Athens to copy London's "congestion charge" for city-center access. Civil engineer Dimitris Tsamboulas said

Greeks must be convinced to take public transport.

"The issue now is how to convince (Athe-

"The issue now is now to convince (Athenians) to change their habits and make the temporary and enforced public transport usage permanent," Tsamboulas said.

Sight-saving surgery

TOKYO — A partially blind Iraqi boy who underwent surgery earlier this year in Japan at the wishes of two slain Japanese journalists returned Thursday for follow-up treatment.

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Japanese doctors were able to restore some sight to Saleh's eye in June in medical treatment arranged by the two journalists before they were killed in an ambush south of Baghdad. Taj Mahal by moonlight

NEW DELHI — Few things

moonlight on the Taj Mahal — an emperor's monument to love —

and it's now possible for the first

time in 20 years, thanks to a ruling Thursday by India's Supreme

The court said visitors can see the Taj Mahal on five moonlit nights every month, but restricted their number to 400 each night to avoid overcrowding, the Press Trust of India said. The court said the temporary ruling would be reviewed after

three months before a final decision is made, the news agency

that eve.

Court.













ned with Japanese suit dismissed

TOKYO—A Japanese court rejected a lawsuit seeking compensation for mental anguish allegedly caused by Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi's 2001 visit to a shrine honoring the country's war dead, including executed war criminals, a court spokesman said.

The Chiba District Court near Tokyo ruled Thursday on a suit by a group of 63 plaintiffs who argued that Koizumi's visit violated the Constitutional separation of religion and state, court spokesman Hirofumi Nakazato said.

From The Associated Press

### IN THE STATES

## 2 CIA foreign chiefs to retire

BY SIOBHAN MCDONOUGH

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The chiefs of the CIA's Europe and Far East divisions are retiring, according to a federal official, marking the latest high-level departures at the spy agency since Porter Goss took over as director at the end of September.

The names of the officials will not be released because they work undercover.

The two CIA officials were in the highest echelon of clandestine service, the directorate of operations The New York Times reported in Thursday's editions. The federal official confirmed the departures on condition of anonymity.

The retirements come just 10 days after two other top officials - Deputy Director for Operations Stephen Kappes and his immediate deputy, Michael Sulick - told colleagues they were leaving the CIA.

It was unclear whether Kappes and Sulick resigned voluntarily or were asked to step down. Earlier this month, the agency's No. 2 official

John McLaughlin, retired, citing personal reasons. The CIA has been heavily criticized for prewar intelligence lapses in Iraq and the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. And former officials have described intense friction within the agency with Goss now in charge. Some said there were concerns that more officers

at the CTA's counterterrorist center and elsewhere may be asked to resign or told that they no longer have a future at the agency.

Goss, a former CIA officer and headed the House Intelligence Committee while in congress, made waves with the clandestine service even before President Bush nominated him to head the CIA.

Officials as senior as former CIA Director George Tenet fumed over assertions by Goss' committee this summer that the clandestine service "needs fiving" and that the agency could become a "stilted bureaucracy incapable of even the slightest bit of suc-

Tuesday, President Bush ordered what may end up being a major expansion of the CIA, calling for the agency to add thousands of new analysts and spies as part of an ongoing buildup in the war on terrorism.

The directive set no timetable for the changes and offered no indication the White House will ask Congress for more money to fund the plan.



Legal drugs have done little to help Angel Raich of Oakland, Calif. Beset by a nightmarish list of ailments that includes tumors in her brain and uterus, seizures, spasms and nausea, she has been able to find comfort only in the marijuana that is prescribed by her doctor.

## Supreme Court to weigh medical marijuana laws

By DAVID KRAVETS The Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. - On Monday, the Supreme Court will hear arguments in a case that will determine whether patients in California and 10 other states can continue to use marijuana for medical nurnoses.

At issue is whether states have the right to adopt laws allowing the use of drugs the federal gov ernment has banned or whether federal drug agents can arrest individuals for abiding by those

medical marijuana laws. California passed the nation's first so-called medical marijuana law in 1996, allowing patients to smoke and grow marijuana with a doctor's recommendation. The Bush administration maintains those laws violate federal drug rules and asserts that marijuana

"I really hope and pray the jus-tices allow me to live," said Angel Raich, 39

has no medical value.

Beset by a nightmarish list of ailments that includes tumors in

her brain and uterus, seizures spasms and nausea, she has been able to find comfort only in the marijuana that is recommended by her doctor.

It eases her pain, allows her to rise out of a wheelchair and promotes an appetite that prevents her from wasting away.

She said the outcome of the case will determine whether her 'husband will have a wife," her "children a mother

The case will address questions left unresolved from the first time the high court considered the legality of medical marijuana.

In 2001, the justices ruled against clubs that distributed medical marijuana, saying they cannot do so based on the "medi cal necessity" of the patient. The ruling forced Raich's Oakland supplier to close and other cannabis clubs to operate in the shad-

The decision did not address whether the government can block states from adopting their own medical marijuana laws

The case is Ashcroft v. Raich.

#### GOP lawmakers still sweating tax bill buried in a \$388 billion spending round-the-clock negotiations so

BY ALAN FRAM

WASHINGTON - A handful of lawmakers voted for spending legislation to keep the government from shutting down as House Democrats resolved to let Republicans twist in the wind a little longer over a provision passed last week that both parties agree was a bad idea.

They'll fix it later, when the Democrats decide to let the Republicans stop sweating. For now, Wednesday's vote by skeleton crews in the House and Senate on a stopgap spending bill keeps the government operating until early December.

The holdun is over language

bill that could let leaders of Congress' Appropriations committees examine income tax returns.

Both parties favor killing the tax return idea before it becomes law and the Senate has already voted to do so. But Democrats blocked a House vote until Dec. 6.

That delay gave Democrats more time to criticize majority Republicans for letting the provi sion slip through and for using their muscle to ram hills through Congress with little chance for lawmakers to learn what is in them. The overall bill and accompanying documents stood 3,646 pages tall on lawmakers' desks when they approved it Saturday.

The measure was completed in

exhausting that Rep. David Obey, D-Wis., said Wednesday that two aides fainted from sleeplessness. He said such procedures are hurting Congress' credibility with the nublic The discovery of the provision

made Saturday by a Democratic aide on the Senate Budget Committee as Congress was considering the overall spending package
— saved Congress from "a massaved Congress from

sive embarrassment," said Rep. Robert Matsui, D-Calif. "Had this become law, there

would have been some time over the next few years where someone would have abused that process and someone's returns would have been disclosed to the nress" he said

### FBI interviews Halliburton whistleblower

WASHINGTON - An Army whistleblower who raised con cerns that the Pentagon improp erly awarded business to President Dick Cheney's former company has been interviewed extensively by the FBI and is gathering documents to help

Army Corps of Engineers contract officer Runnatine Green. house, whose allegations about the Houston-based oil services company Halliburton surfaced in the final weeks of the presidential campaign, was interviewed for a full day last week by the FBI and Army criminal in vestigators, her lawver said Wednesday.

They questioned her about all of her concerns, and they asked questions regarding potential involvement of people at higher-level positions, attorney Michael Kohn said in an inte

The Associated Press reported last month that the FBI had

expanded a criminal probe into allegations Halliburton overcharged the government for adding questions about whether the Bush administration improperly awarded business in Iraq and the Balkans to Halliburton without bidding.

Both the company and the administration deny any wrongdo-

Chenev's office has said he has had nothing to do with the government contracts that have gone to the company, which he headed in the 1990s until joining President Bush on the 2000 Republican ticket

In a related development, the inspector general reviewing the spending of U.S. funds in Iraq is recommending the Army cons er withholding 15 percent of Halliburton's money on future con tracts to address allegations the company has not documented all of the work it has been paid for in the past

Halliburton spokeswoman Cathy Gist said Wednesday night the company was aware of

discussions about a 15 percent withholding but had not been formally told of any plan to imple-ment it. "We will continue to work directly with our client regarding resolution issue," she said.

Army officials did not immediately return calls seeking com-

Kohn declined to identify any of the higher officials that were discussed during the interview, but said no White House officials came un

A legal source familiar with the interview said Greenhouse provided the FBI with new inforone of the Halliburton matters by a senior defense official.

Kohn said his client was continuing to cooperate. Green-house "is in the process of providing additional documentation to both the bureau and the criminal investigation division of the Army," he said.

Pentagon auditors and congressional Democrats have repeatedly turned up problems with Halliburton's contracts.

## Wis. hunting death suspect was Army Guard marksman

BY TED GREGORY AND GLENN JEFFERS Chicago Tribune

RICE LAKE, Wis. - As blaze orange-ribbon memorials started appearing on car antennas in this north woods community and grieving residents prepared funerals for six people killed in a deer-hunting trespassing dispute. more details emerged Wednesday about the man suspected of the crime

Military records show that Chai Soua Vang, 36, a St. Paul truck driver, received a U.S. Army commendation as a sharpshooter and was a qualified rifleman in the use of an M-16 during his six years with the National Guard.

In addition, St. Paul Police renorted that they had been called to Vang's home on St. Paul's troubled lower east end five times since June 2003. In two of those incidents. Vang called police to settle domestic disputes at his home. Accounts differ about precisely

how the shooting began. In a statement made to investigators Monday, Vang, a Hmong immigrant from Laos and naturalized U.S. citizen, reportedly said he mistakenly had wandered upon the deer stand. According to authorities, Vang said he was taunted by racial slurs before one of the hunters pointed a rifle at him and fired a shot, which missed as Vang crouched. Vang said he then began shoot-

ing the people, according to police. One of the hunters who survived gave a different account, say-

ing that Vang fired the first shots. Vang has not been formally charged, but is being held on a

Family and friends of the killed and wounded hunters have rejected Vang's account.

\$2.5 million bail

## Inventor of WWII K rations dies at ${f 100}$

BY PATRICIA SULLIVAN

Public health scientist Keys was a giant in the field of nutrition The Washington Post WASHINGTON — Ancel Keys, a University of Minnesota public health scientist who invented the K rations consumed by millions of soldiers in World War II, discovered that saturated fat was a major cause of heart disease and championed the benefits of the the United States Mediterranean diet, died Nov. 20

at his home in Minneapolis. He was 100. No cause of death was reported, but in recent years, Keys had several strokes and broke a hin He was still at work earlier this

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may be heading home

USS Kitty Hawk group U.S., Iraqis gather

year, analyzing data from his landmark epidemiological study, begun in 1958, of 12,000 middle-aged men living in Italy, the Greek islands, Yugoslavia, the Netherlands, Finland, Japan and

That "Seven Countries Study nmyided evidence that a diet rich in vegetables, fruit, pasta, bread and olive oil and sparing of meat, eggs, butter and dairy products reduces the occurrence of heart dis-

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"He was a giant in the field of nutrition in a variety of ways," said Walter Willett, chairman of the nutrition department at the Harvard School of Public Health. "His studies held up in the big pic-ture, ves. He missed some things that are important. Smoking an obesity didn't show up. But the basic conclusion is ... the vast majority of heart disease is prevent-

Born in Colorado Springs, Keys was the nephew of movie actor Lon Chaney. He graduated from

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the University of California at Berkeley and later earned a doctorate in biology from the Scripps Institute in La Jolla, Calif. He had

postdoctoral fellowship in Copenhagen, earned a second doctorate in physiology from Kings College in Cambridge, England, and worked briefly at the Mayo Clinic. He joined the University of Minnesota in 1936 and four years later founded its famous Laboratory of Physiological Hygiene, housed under the bleach-

ers at the university's stadium. In 1935, Keys led a scientific excursion to the Andes to study the physiological effects of altitude. It was that research, he believed. which led to an assignment from the U.S. government at the start of World War II: design a lightweight but nutritionally robust ration for paratroops. The K Ration, named for him was originally made up of items from a Minneapolis grocery store - hard biscuits, dry sausage, hard candy and chocolate.

Keys, by then a special assis-

tant to the secretary of war, did other nutrition research, and his study on the physiology of starva-tion, conducted in Minnesota on conscientious objectors, provided the most complete record of the physiological, psychological and cognitive changes that come from

cognitive changes that come from food deprivation. In 1947, he noticed the increas-ing numbers of deaths due to heart attacks, as noted in the newspapers' obituary pages, and began to study 283 businessmen from the Twin Cities, conducting examinations and taking blood samples every five years. It showed that smoking, high blood pressure and elevated cholesterol were frequently seen in men who had heart attacks. After a decade of work, he determined that satu-rated fat chiefly determined blood cholesterol levels, a break through that stunned meat-and-potatoes populace.

Ever the rigorous scientist, Keys was asked at his 100th birth-day party in January whether his diet had contributed to his long life. He answered, "Very likely, but no ryest"? but no proof."

#### Marine widow robbed

NORRISTOWN, Pa. - A man pleaded guilty Wednesday to ransacking the apartment of a newlywed Marine reservist killed in Irag, breaking in while his widow was with family members plan-ning the soldier's funeral.

Prosecutors said Kevin Selvos ki. 24. and an alleged accomplice stole a computer and video games to buy heroin.

Prosecutors said Selvoski had called the widow of Cpl. John Todd, 25, and expressed his con-

Todd was killed July 29 by a roadside bomb in eastern Baghdad; he was serving his second de ployment to Iraq.

#### Ornaments by Tripp

WASHINGTON Seems Linda Tripp is still preoccupied with the White House.

The woman who made Monica Lewinsky a household name has designed two hand-painted glass ornaments, one depicting the first White House Christmas in 1800, and the other in 1861.

The limited-edition ornaments, available at the Christmas Sleigh in Middleburg, Va., cost \$65 each, with some proceeds going to a children's cancer charity.





## Va. families offer troops a home for the holidays

The Associated Press

NORFOLK, Va. - Every year for almost 20 years, Chris and Walter Pianka have made room for at least two strangers at their Thanksgiving table.

They are among kindhearted families who volunteer at this time of year to take in more than 100 young military members stationed in southeastern Virginia who can't make it home for the

"It's not their home, but they usually have a good time," said Chris Pianka, who spends upwards of \$200 every year to treat guests to a fabulous feast of turkey, roast beef, candied yams, mashed potatoes, cookies, cheesecake and more.

The "Adopt a Serviceperson" program, in its 18th year, is coordinated by the USO of Hampton Roads. The nonprofit group works to enhance the quality of life and provide public support for servicemembers and their families.

Most of the servicemembers taking part in the Thanksgiving program are Army students done with basic training who are living at Fort Eustis in Newport News for a few weeks or months while they learn military occupational specialties.

Many would have spent Thurs day on post and eaten in the mess hall if the volunteer families hadn't adopted them for the day. "I think it would be pretty lonely, just me and my buddies, hangCody Weaver, 18, of Roseville, Calif., a private in the Army Na-tional Guard who is training to be a Black Hawk helicopter mechan-

The four-day holiday break was too short for Weaver to head all the way to the West Coast, but he was grateful to be able to spend his first Thanksgiving away from home with a family in

Jan and Steve Daum of Gloucester were happy to share the holiday with Weaver and Pvt. Matthew Hendrickson, 19, of Terra Haute, Ind., who also is learning to be a Black Hawk mechanic.

For safety reasons, servicemembers are sent to the families' homes in pairs, with some families taking in more than two peo-

This was the third consecutive year the Daums signed up to bring home service members. They figure the more guests, the

"We had done Thanksgiving with just the two of us, and it's not as much fun as with a crowd of people," Jan Daum said. "When you can't be with family, make a

She likes to tell her guests. You can help if you want, you can have the day off if you want, you can curl up by the fireplace if von want Other options include watching

movies on tape, checking out holi day light displays and exploring the Daums' back yard, with a small train looping around the raised-bed garden.

#### Flying frogs and smiling faces



Kermit the Frog floats above the newly renovated Columbus Circle during the Macy's Parade in New York, Thursday. The parade, featuring 59 balloons and 27 floats, stepped off just after 9 a.m. and began its procession toward Herald Square in Manhattan.

## Marines in Iraq remember fallen comrades, families at home

#### BY KATARINA KRATOVAC

The Associated Press

FALLUJAH, Iraq - Lt. Sven Jensen's U.S. Marines unit survived for weeks on military rations while living rough in Irag's Fallujah, so he wrangled a truck Thursday and drove his men to the rear for a rare treat: Thanksgiving turkey and cranberry sauce

While millions of Americans on the home front cheered good fortune and life's bounty Thursday, U.S. forces still under enemy fire in central Iraq sought a hot meal while remembering fallen comrades and offering thanks for the safety of their friends and family stateside.

One Marine, Cpl. Matthew Hummel, forgot the day's celebration.

"Days get to blur here, someone had to remind me this morning," said Hummel, 21. from Easley, S.C.

The Fallujah fight "was a nerve-racking experience, so I plan to give thanks that I'm still alive, that my friends and family are well back home, that my girl is waiting for me," he said.

U.S. forces manning front lines in the Sunni Triangle where Iraq's insurgency rages frequently live in abandoned buildings, where they huddle against an early winter chill and excavate brown, plastic pouches of vacuum-packed meals for prized Skittles and M&Ms.

For Jensen, of the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, it was time for a break. So he requisitioned a vehicle and drove 40 fellow Marines to a chow hall, where a cornuconia awaited.

"It means more than just the first cooked food they'll have in over two weeks," said Jensen, a 25-year-old from Cobb Mountain Calif surrounded by servicemen tucking into Thanksgiving plates at a cavernous chow hall.

They joined a holiday celebration among U.S. soldiers at bases around the world, from an air field in Kyrgyzstan - in the former Soviet Union - where soldiers decorated their cargo vehicles as floats for a makeshift parade, to Kosovo — in the former Yugoslavia — where the region's president joined troops for corn, pumpkin cake, and gravy-covered roasted turkey,

and to Iraq, where fighting went on right through the holiday.
"Thanksgiving will help us forget for a

while the things we saw in Fallujah, the execution chambers we could smell even before we saw them," said Jensen of buildings where Marine intelligence officers say the enemy carried out beheadings and

Lance Cpl. Christopher Brungo waited impatiently for 8 a.m. to strike in Mount Vernon, Va., so he could phone his mother for the first time in a month and wish her a

happy Thanksgiving.
"We got here Sept. 11 and that day is marked down as a real bad day," said Brungo. 19, a machine gunner on one of the Humvees that made the initial push into Fallujah when the assault began Nov. 8.

"But I'd much rather he here with the rest of my friends and buddies than at home where it's safe. Knowing that I'm doing something important here matters," Brungo said.

Marine service in Iraq has inspired an-other Marine, Cpl. Jesse Cowan, to become

"I have seen here in Iraq a need for God

in people's lives," said Cowan, 22, from Huntsville, Ala. "I just wish everyone would have that. If these trials can make me stronger that I can serve God better so be it.

At the chow hall, workers lay out two giant cakes. One was inscribed with Psalm 116:17 in chocolate frosting: "I will offer to Thee the sacrifice of Thanksgiving, and

will call upon the name of the Lord."

Each table had a card wishing the troops well, sent by post from children back

"I am praying about you" wrote Josie,

from Missouri. "I am thankful for you saving America,"

read another card, signed Monica Dirko, 2nd grade.

For Marines on patrol in Fallujah's shattered streets, food workers arranged deliv-ery. In what they called "Operation Meals on Wheels," Marines loaded up a convoy of three seven-ton trucks carrying turkey, stuffing and soda

"It made the Marines glad, it brought them just a little bit closer to home," said Staff Sgt. John Flores, 32, of San Antonio, Texas. "The operation was a tremendous

## For Virginians it's an uphill battle to claim first Thanksgiving

By BRIGID SCHULTE The Washington Post

Imagine a Thanksgiving Day without Pilgrims. No turkey, no cranberries, no happy celebra-tions with family and friends crammed around the extended dining-room table.

Picture this instead: a solemn day of fasting, meditation and introspection, followed by a light meal of roasted oysters or Virginia ham.

That, some Virginians claim. was how the real "first" Thanksgiving in the New World was cele brated Dec. 4, 1619, by a handful of men who had just landed on the shores of the James River at what is now Berkelev Plantation. two years before the Pilgrims harvest feast in Massachusetts.

The Virginia Thanksgiving was lost to history for more than 300 years, thanks in part, they say, to a massacre by Native Americans, the Civil War and the Yankee historians who "absconded" with it.

The South's historic disregard for the holiday as a Northern tradition - in the 19th and even into the 20th century, businesses and state and city offices in parts of the South stayed defiantly open didn't help, either.

Now, a small band of Virginia die-hards, a small private nonprofit group known as the Virgin-Thanksgiving Festival Inc. says it is determined to set the record straight. But there is heavy freight in taking on such American icons as the Pilgrims and a mythical narrative of cooperation, feasting and friendship across races that for more than a century has become The American Story

In other words, the Virginians haven't gotten very far.

The high point in their 44-year fight against obscurity came in when Arthur Schlesinger Jr., the eminent historian who was then a special assistant to President John F. Kennedy, wrote a short note of apology to the group verifying Virginia's claim to be first.

"You are quite right; and I can

only plead an unconquerable New England bias." He promised that the "error will not be repeated in the future

Fat lot of good that did. Kids still dress up in buckskin as Squanto, friend to the Pilgrims, or in square black hats with square buckles on their shoes for Thanksgiving pageant. most everyone knows the Mayflower. And tens of thousands of neonle visit the broken chunk of what once was Plymouth Rock, where the ship landed, that is enshrined in what appears to be a miniature Greek temple.

But even today, few people outside Charles City, site of the Berkeley landing and one of Virgin ia's most rural areas, have heard of the Virginia Thanksgiving.

Jamie Jamieson, who owns Ber keley Plantation, organizes an al-ternate "first" Thanksgiving feast on the first Sunday of each No-

Jamieson stands on his farm on the banks of the James, just downriver from a small brick archway commemorating the Berkeley Thanksgiving. Push a bright green button and a loudspeaker, wired to a tree, tells the story: In 1619, 38 men, led by Capt. John Woodlief, sailed from Bristol, England, on the good ship Margaret to seek fortune in the New World.

Upon landing in Virginia, they waded ashore, opened their in-structions from the Berkeley Company, which sponsored their expedition, and discovered that the first order of business was to drop to their knees

But unlike the religious-freedom-seeking Pilgrims, who initialwere befriended by the Wampanoag Indians, who taught them to farm and fish, the Virginians at Berkeley and at Jamestown — the earliest British settlement in the colonies a bit more antagonistic with the Powhatans. When the dandies and fortune hunters of Jamestown first encountered them eating roast oysters and wild strawberries on the beach they chased the Powhatans off and devoured their food, according to local historian Pat Butler.



Berkeley Plantation on the James River in Virginia hosts an "alternative Thanksgiving" commemorating what some argue is the state's claim to be the site of the New World's first Thanksgiving.



Sharon Walker and her son Randal of Lake Village, Ark., wait for their bus to Flint, Mich., in the Greyhound bus terminal Wednesday in Chicago. Millions of travelers throughout the nation have taken to the roads and skies for the Thanksgiving weekend.

## Home for the holiday?

### Long lines at airports, snowy roads in Midwest plus high winds and rain make for trying travel

44 We've had quite

a few crashes -

slideoffs,

fender-benders and

people ending up in

ditches, but

no injuries. 77

BY ANNA JOHNSON

The Associated Press

Travelers didn't plan on starting their long Thanksgiving weekend stuck in airports or driving on slippery roads, but then again they hadn't figured on snow - and a lot of it

A blanket of white stretched from the Great Lakes region to the central Plains.

Accumulations from the Midwest's first major snowfall of the season ranged from 4 inches in southeastern Iowa to 9 inches in southern Michigan, the National Weather Service said.

High winds and thunderstorms also worked their way across the region Wednesday

The snow caused flight cancelations and delays as long as three hours at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport and up to two hours at the city's other airport,

Marc Hendrickson of Seattle gave up on flying after O'Hare

que. Iowa, for the holiday.

canceled his connecting flight to Madison, Wis. He bought a bus ticket to meet his girlfriend in Wisconsin and the two planned to drive to Dubu-

"I just want to get there — that's my main con-ern," Hendrickson said.

Bad weather in Michigan forced Northwest Airlines to cancel 37 flights. 22 of them into or out of Detroit. At Lansing's Capital City Airport, a Northwest Airlines jet carrying 87 passengers and four crew slid off a snow-slicked runway during landing. No one was injured.

Wind gusts of 57 mph were recorded near Cham-

High winds along Interstate 74 near Greensburg. Ind., caused a tractor trailer to overturn, leaving the

Indiana also had severe thunderstorms and heavy snow. The rain fell across the south, the snow in the north.

"We've had quite a few crashes - slideoffs fender-benders and people ending up in ditches, but no injuries," said Indiana State Trooper Tom Szymans-

> Elsewhere in the country, highways were bumper-to-bumper in Georgia as drivers faced thunderstorms and a threat of tornadoes part of a system that killed at least four people elsewhere in the

> "We're seeing some hectic and chaotic driving situations - the road rage, the rear endings, people not allowing other motorists to change lanes," said Georgia State Patrol Trooper Larry Schnall.

Tom Szymanski Indiana state trooper

At the Atlanta airport, many flights were delayed and a few were diverted because of the severe weather in the region

The weather also disrupted travel in the Northeast. Airports in New York City, Boston and Newark, N.J., were experiencing delays up to two hours because of rain

Drivers cruised through Pennsylvania Turnpike toll plazas for free Wednesday after toll collectors and maintenance workers went on strike hours before the holiday rush.

Turnpike managers began collecting tolls early Thanksgiving Day.

A survey conducted for AAA by the Travel Industry Association of America said 30.6 million people, or 3 percent more than in 2003, were expected to hit the road during the holiday weekend, even with gasoline prices nearly one-third higher than a year ago.

An additional 6.6 million were likely to travel by plane, train or bus

#### Incubus singer fined for weapon

Incubus' lead singer pleaded guilty in New York to disorderly conduct and was fined \$250 for carrying a switchblade in his bag while trying to board a plane

Brandon Boyd, 28, said Tuesday he bought the switch-

blade while he was in Amsterdam and brought it back in his suitcase. Later on, he went camping with his family and brought the blade with him in his toiletry bag and forgot

"I had finally found a use for it: camping," he said. "I totally forgot about it in my bag."

Boyd was stopped in the US Airways terminal at LaGuardia Airport when baggage screeners spotted the knife in his carry-on luggage.

Boyd was charged with criminal possession of a weapon and was released after four hours in a holding cell. The charges were later reduced.



#### Military families get a cruise

For relatives and friends of U.S. troops serving in Iraq. "The Ellen DeGeneres Show" was the place to be.

Studio audience members, all with a military connection, were surprised with the gift of a free cruise at a taping Tuesday. The episode of the syndicated talk show, with guest Tom Hanks, aired

Wednesday A total of 250 seven-day cruises for four, along with taxes and fees, were given in appreciation of troops deployed from three California bases: Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, Camp Pendleton and Fort



Celebrity Cruises is providing the vacations, available at any time to allow for troops overseas to take part on their return, according to a spokeswoman for the show.

DeGeneres also joined with the USO to send more than 5,000 care packages to the audience's relatives and friends in Iraq. The episode will be repeated on Thanksgiving on the Armed Forces Network

#### 2 Live Crew concert causes controversy

A beer garden that usually hosts polka bands may get

fined after a raunchy performance by 2 Live Crew.

The Nov. 18 rap concert, which featured explicit lyrics, partially nude lap dancing and simulated sex acts, was attended by undercover agents from the California Department of Alcohol and Beverage Control, The Sonoma Valley Sun reported.

The agency may fine the owners of Little Switzerland, which advertises itself as a 1920s-style European beer hall, or suspend its alcohol license, according to investigator Scott Warnock

2 Live Crew was not specifically targeted, Warnock

A show scheduled in nearby Guerneville for Nov. 20 was canceled after the Little Switzerland incident.

The beer hall's owners, Antonio and Alina Garcia, were unavailable for comment

#### Waits hits stage in London

Offbeat rocker-actor Tom Waits returned to the British stage Tuesday for the first time since 1987

The 3,000-capacity Carling Hammersmith Apollo sold out in 20 minutes when tickets went on sale for the only British date on his European tour promoting his new "cubist funk" album "Real Gone.

Music stars including Thom Yorke, Beth Orton and Jamie Cullum were in the crowd to see Waits perform new material, as well as old favorites from his 30-year career. The audience seemed to relish Waits' unique gravely singing voice.

Making fun of his long absence from London and his own age, the 54-year-old singer said: "It's good to see you

"OK, all right, yeah, 17 years ... but you look good. The three ages of man: youth, middle age and 'you look good.' "



# 'What doesn't kill you

## After taking on 50 Cent and the feds, Ja Rule back to doing what he does best

BY JIM FARBER New York Daily News

Don't cry for Ja Rule.

Yes, the rapper has experienced the kind of year that could make Bill O'Reilly's look enviable. But he insists, "I wasn't out somewhere whining and crying. I just had to make sense of it all. I really didn't understand what came at me." Especially since it came from so many different direc-

In 2003, this one-time hin-hop giant — who racked up four multiplatinum albums between 1999 and 2002 — found himself embroiled in the biggest beef this side of Peter Luger. In interviews, mix tanes and official releases, he battled it out with 50 Cent, then the top new rapper around.

And he was losing badly.

In February 2003, 50 humiliated Rule on the fastest selling CD of the year, "Get Rich or Die Tryin'." It labeled Rule a fake gangsta who had imitated Tupac Shakur and who sold out rap by turning it into pop. Powerful associates of 50, including Eminem, Dr. Dre and his G-Unit posse, also ripped into Rule.

Last November, the embattled rapper finally fired back with his own album of barbs, "Blood in My Eye." On one track, Rule vowed to "go to jail for sending 50

But the album became the rapper's first commercial disappointment, selling fewer than 500,000 copies

At the same time federal agents began an ongoing in vestigation into Murder Inc., the record company that launched Rule. It accused the label of being funded by drug

Then rumors began to swirl that Rule was solitting with his wife

The two, who married four years ago, have known each other since high school in Queens, N.Y., when Rule was known as Jeffrey Atkins. They have three children, ages 1, 3 and 9 By early 2004, Rule admits when he'd "go out

in the streets, it was 'f-you' [from the fans]. He asserts it all came about because the fans "were misled. They were told lies and they believed them.'

Now Rule is trying to set the record straight and revive his badly woundcareer with a new album,

"RILE On the CD, Rule, 28, deals with all his struggles

"I poured out my soul," he says But he tried not to increase the

"I want [fans] to focus on the artist and the music and not the hoopla that tends to distract people," he

The music returns Rule to his hit-making style, with more R&B elements provided by singers like Ashanti, Lloyd and R. Kelly. It contrasts dramatically with la hard-core "Blood" album. last

Rule says he got the anger out of his system on that CD. He also feels it's hypocritical for listeners to accuse him of watering down hip-hop when they made hits of the songs in

"Now everyone is doing that style, Rule says. "They're riding the formula.

As for his label's troubles, Rule says its workers have had a hard time dealing with them. Last year, the company changed its name from Murder Inc. to The Inc

Rule claims the switch was not a reaction to the investiga-

"We're not kids on the block anymore," he explains. 'We're a company with corporate sponsors that don't like having 'Murder' on their letterheads.

Though The Inc. remained firmly on Rule's side behind the scenes, in public he toughed out his problems alone. Some loyal fans wondered why no other rappers came to his defense. Rule claims some wanted to, but he told them, "I'm going to do this as a lone soldier, to make an even stronger statement about myself."

Rule claims the public's attitude toward him also is turning around. He even claims this brutal year had its good side. "It made me a better artist," he says. "Everybody needs an



Stories and photos from The Associated Pres-

## Officials say flu season off to a slow start

A flu shot is given to a patient last week in Barre, Vt. Only two states -New York and Delavare — have reported significant outbreaks since the flu season



BY DANIEL YEE The Associated Press

ATLANTA - The flu season in the United States is off to a slow start, with only Delaware and New York reporting significant outbreaks - a relief to government health authorities, given the U.S. vaccine shortage.

Even so, the "widespread" flu activity in Delaware - the first state to be classified at the nation's highest flu level - is a little misleading. The state meets the designation because confirmed cases of the flu had been found in every county of that state. But the state has only three counties and six cases in all

things haven't really taken off it's continued flu activity at low levels in a lot of places," said Lynnette Brammer, a flu epidemiologist at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "It looks like New York, the mid-Atlantic area is where things are starting to pick up, but it's early. At this point, you can't tell how the sea-

son's going to progress." Nursing home outbreaks in New York prompted the CDC to classify that state as having "re-gional" flu activity — one step below "widespread." Most other states listed "sporadic" flu cases.

Although the flu season can

begin as early as October and last through April, most flu seasons do not peak until January.

Health authorities have said the slow start has been a relief, because it has given them extra time to warn people to prepare for the flu in a year that has been marked by a severe flu-shot short-

Only 61 million doses are available this season, including a nasal vaccine only for healthy people. But 98 million people, including 9 million children, need the vaccine the CDC said

Each year, the flu hospitalizes about 200,000 people and kills on average 36,000 people in the United States, according to the CDC.

## Study: Protein may prevent damage after heart attacks

The Associated Press

DENVER - Texas scientists working with mice say a single dose of a common protein appears to protect the heart muscle from extensive damage after a

heart attack The protein, known as thy-mosin beta 4, is produced by tis-sues throughout the body and is already known to help heal skin

ning a clinical trial as early as next year in which paramedics would give the protein to heart attack victims in the ambulance to provide heart cells with early protection

Scientists who did not contribute to the experiment said the protein might work better and easier than trying to isolate and implant stem cells to repair the heart and restore its function

ate the same political controversy as stem cell research.

Details of the mouse experiment appear in Thursday's issue of the journal Nature.

"This report provides a tantalizing clue toward a workable remedy for this prevailing cause of heart failure," said molecular biologist Michael D. Schneider of the Baylor College of Medicine in

Houston, who reviewed the study for Nature

In the experiment, researchers at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas induced heart attacks in 58 mice by constricting blood flow in a major artery leading to the left ventricle, or the heart's primary pumping chamber.

Half of the mice were injected with a dose of thymosin beta 4. Forty-five mice survived the procedure and their progress was monitored over a four-week peri-

After a month, the mice treated with thymosin showed 60 percent to 100 percent improvement in their hearts' ability to contract and pump blood. That's at least twice the improvement of the other mice, the Texas team reported.

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## International stocks back on radar

BY TODD MASON The Philadelphia Inquirer

International stocks are outperforming U.S. stocks after a long. disappointing stretch — so long some experts and investors began questioning the value of owning foreign stocks.

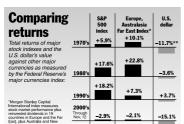
'The sun has been shining on foreign equities for a while now even though people haven't real-ized it," said Hans van den Berg, manager of the 1838 International Equity mutual fund in King of Prussia, Pa.

Van den Berg's mutual fund whose largest stakes are in Japanese. British and German stocks has beaten the Standard & Poor's 500 index handily since 2002, earning an average annual return of 7.1 percent through October versus 1.2 percent for the S&P, according to Morningstar

The Morgan Stanley Europe Australasia and Far East index a broad measure of international stocks - was up 10.7 percent this vear through Nov. 12, while the Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 6.5 percent in the same period. The Morgan Stanley index tracks stocks in 21 developed countries outside of North America.

Even so, investors have been slow to pick up on improving for-tunes abroad. Of \$208 billion flowing into stock mutual funds so far this year, \$36 billion or 17.3 percent, went to funds investing in foreign stocks, according to Lin-

Investors are missing a chance



Source: Lipper, U.S. Federal Reserve Board Graphic: The Philadelphia Inquire

to reduce risk in their portfolios. said Ted Smith, a senior vice president in the wealth management group at Delaware Investments. an arm of Lincoln National Corp., in Philadelphia.

"Data series began in Jan. 1973

"Investors should diversify precisely because they don't know whether U.S. or foreign stocks will outperform," he said.

There was no question about which group did better in the late. great bull market of the late 1990s. The average annual total return of the S&P 500 towered over that of Morgan Stanley

What is more, foreign stocks fell harder than domestic stocks in the initial months of the bear market in 2000

said Kevin Johnson, a principal at Aronson Johnson Ortiz LP, a Philadelphia institutional money man-"They are looking at what ager. the company does for a living, rather than where it does it " he

said Foreign-fund managers do not dispute growing economic globalization. But they say they now have an ally that will keep them outperforming: the U.S. dollar.

The dollar has fallen 26 percent since 2001, according to a Federal Reserve Board index tracking it against a basket of major world currencies

That is good for American investors: Capital gains — that is profits from share price increases and dividends earned in foreign currencies get an extra boost when the dollar is weakening be cause euros and yen are worth more when they are converted back into dollars.

The dollar "is one of the strongest reasons to have assets outside of the U.S.," said Richard Foulkes, a London-based manager of the Vanguard International Growth mutual fund.

A weak dollar makes U.S. exports more competitive in world markets.

Meanwhile, U.S. companies substantial operations abroad also book currency gains when they convert profits to dollars — just as investors do.

"It is not a crime to avoid international funds," Wolper said. "Having said that, foreign markets don't move in lock step" the United States

### Survey finds confidence in economy varies across globe

The Associated Press

LONDON - A global survey of consumer confidence re-leased Wednesday shows that European consumers are gener ally pessimistic about the economic outlook for the next 12 months, people in the Asia-Pacific are optimistic and Ameri-

cans lie somewhere in between.
The AC Nielsen report also found that, across the globe, concerns about the economy, job security and health gener-ally outweighed worries about terrorism or war.

Forty percent of consumers in the Asia-Pacific think their economies improved over the past six months and 53 percent expect them to improve over the next year. Conversely, 48 percent of Americans and 40 percent of Europeans believed their economies had deteriorated over the past six nths. However, 43 percent of Americans expected an improvement in the next 12 months, compared to just 31 percent of Europeans.

"I would expect continued caution in Europe, where there are structural and eco-nomic issues, as well as con-cern about growth rates," said cern about growth rates," said Frank Martell, president of AC Nielsen Europe.
"If you look at the United

States, it's clearly more encouraging," Martell added.
"There's a lot of government stimulus, monetary and fiscal, and it looks much brighter."

### WEDNESDAY'S MARKET SUMMARY

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#### Some stock market theorists are deemphasizing geography, EXCHANGE RATES

Bad news knows no borders. A

2002 study by Michigan State Uni-

versity professor Kirt Butler found U.S. and foreign stocks act

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## ents and Sensibility Money tip of the day

## Paying late blemishes score

NEW YORK - One late payment on your credit card can pack a pretty hard punch. Not only with fees and rate hikes on the card in question, but also with penalties on your other credit cards.

Almost half of all credit cards have so-called universal default penalties, which allow the credit-card company to increase your interest rate if it discovers a late payment on your credit report for any credit card account or loan or other debt involving any other company. It doesn't matter if you've never made a late payment to that particular

This year, 44 percent of credit cards have universal default penalties, reports Consumer Action, a San Francisco-based research group. And the number is increasing - only 39 percent of cards had them in 2003.

Penalty rates can easily top 29.99 percent compared with the average annual rate of 14 to 16 percent. These penalties go into effect when you are perceived as a delinquent borrower, usually after you make a late payment or go over your credit

You also might incur penalties if your credit score drops, warns Experian Consumer Direct, one of three credit bureaus that calculate your credit score. Your credit score is an analysis of your past credit history that is used by lenders to figure out how much of a risk von are

Scores range from 300 to 850. The higher your score, the better. A lower credit score may make you ineligible for lenders' best interest rates, affecting any major purchases you make until your score improves.

People with no late or missed payments in the last year had an average credit score of 759, reports Experian. Those consumers who had one or more delinquent payments in the past vear had an average score of

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1:30 Japaneses Storytelling (3)
2:00 Japan College Rugby: Kanto Gakuin
Univ. vs. Nosel Univ. (3)
2:00 2004 Casio World Open Golf: 3rd Round
3:35 Grand Sumo: The 14th Day (1)
4:00 LPGA Ricoh Cup Golf: 3rd Round (4)

Evening 6:30 Japan College Rugby: Kelkyo Univ. vs. Tsukuba Univ. (42) Tsikuba Univ. (42)

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1:30 NBA Magazine (1)

2:10 U.S. Movie (1981): The Postman Always
Rings Twice (2:17)(6)

2:10 U.S. Movie (1973): Two People

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3:35 Japan Pro Boxing: Superflyweight Title Match — Masayuki Arinaga vs. Seiji Tanaka (12) 4:00 Grand Sumo Digest (1)(r)

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#### **Snowbirds identified**

GAINESVILLE — A new study shows the state is home to 920,000 "snowbirds," seasonal residents who flock to Floridaduring winter. They are usually from New York, over 55 and wealthier than retirees who reside in Florida year-round.

Florida, with a total permanent population of 17.5 million, has had difficulty counting its

has had difficulty counting its snowbirds; U.S. Census surveys don't consider the phenomenon of seasonal residency.

In the study by the University of Florida's Bureau of Economic and Business Research, New Yorkers accounted for 13.1 percent of Florida's temporary residents, Michigan accounted for 7.4 percent, Ohio 6.7 percent and Pennsylvania 5.8 percent. Canadians accounted for 5.5 percent.

The study also found that 35 percent of "snowbirds" had incomes of more than \$100,000.

#### Pardon long overdue

MA ROWLEY — It was 1963, Airman Richard Morse was 19, and he was in Florida, just a few hours away from being declared AWOL from his Air Force base in faraway Biloxi, Miss. When he saw a pink Cadillac with the keys in the ignition, he got in, and away he went.

That decision would land Morse in jail for five months after he ran out of gas and was found by a police officer.

That record was erased earlier this month, when the government formally forgave the 61-year-old electrician for the transgression that hung over his head for so many years, though record otherwise remained spotless.

Then in 1998, Morse — an avid hunter — tried to buy his son a shotgun, and was refused, because of the Brady Bill, which flagged him for his criminal record.

So he set out to clear his name, getting character witnesses to fill out questionnaires. There were interviews with FBI agents.

Finally, this month, in a ceremony at the White House, President Bush pardoned Morse, along with two turkeys named Biscuits and Gravy. He got the news that morning.

#### Plastic bags may cost

CA SAN FRANCISCO — City officials are considering charging grocery stores 17 cents each for grocery bags to discourage use of plastic sacks.

More than 90 percent of consumers choose plastic bags, which are blamed for everything from clogging recycling machines to killing marine life and suffocating infants. But the fee would also apply to paper bags to help reduce overall

Promoting a healthy environment "means we need to help change people's patterns, and that even means their shopping patterns," said incoming city Supervisor Ross Mirkarimi, who takes office in January. "This is a sensible user fee."

### **Gun raffle for school**

LAMPASAS — A local group is holding a school benefit raffle featuring a deer rifle, in hopes of raising enough money



to fence in a portion of a school in

"We're moms using guns as tools to protect our kids," said Marta Ellison, a member of the Hanna Springs Intermediate School Parent-Teacher-Student Organization and part of the trio of mothers that put the raffe together. They've set out to raise about \$15,000.

"Bake sales are a thing of the past," she said.

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Lampasas school Superintendent Carlton Tucker said he's gotten only one comment about the propriety of using guns to raise money for a school project.

#### House hits road

ROCKINGHAM — A one-story modular home skidded along the middle of Interstate 91, blocking traffic and leaving a trail of plywood splinters and styrofoam scraps in its dust.

The home, on its way north to a foundation in Lempster, N.H., was strapped to a Kenworth flatbed before dislodging at around 2 p.m. Monday near Exit 5, according to Vermont State Police.

"No one was hurt, fortunately. And we're still investigating the cause of the accident," Cpl. David Gerard said as he watched a crane and bucket loader push and lift the damaged home off the highway and onto a new flatbed.

Gerard said the driver of the tractor, Michael Luker, 46, told officers that he was traveling at 55 miles per hour when he felt a "wob-



Twice the fun

Bon-Macy's visual staff workers Chris Sisneros, top, and Carol Mosher are reflected in store windows as they climb ladders to apply red-ribbon decals to store windows in downtown Seattle. bly herky-jerky pull" right before passing the exit ramp.

Once the home became detached, Gerard said its momentum sent it spinning approximately 500 feet forward on the highway, scraping violently against a west side guard rail as it crossed a Route 5 overnass.

Gerard said the only cars on the road at the time were two escort vehicles contracted to monitor the oversize load in transport.

#### 9/11 coins ruled deceptive

ALBANY — A state judge ruled that a company's advertisements for a coin commemorating the Sept. 11 attacks were deceptive, state Attorney General Eliot Spitzer announced Tuesday.

The judge found that National Collector's Mint Inc. committed fraud, false advertising and deceptive business practices when it marketed its "2004 Freedom Tower Silver Dollar" for \$19.95 in television and print ads.

The commenc dained the medal.

The company claimed the medallions were made of nearly pure silver recovered from Ground Zero in lower Manhattan. But Spitzer said they were made of inexpensive metal alloy plated with about one-ten-thousandth of an inch of silver.

#### Paddling outlawed

TN MEMPHIS — Memphis city schools will no longer allow paddling as a disciplinary measure.

In a 5-4 vote Monday night, the board of the 118,000-student system decided instead to consider alternative disciplinary plans.

"The real work begins now," said Schools Superintendent Carol Johnson, who proposed a "Blue Ribbon Behavior Initiative" that includes a behavior and social skills curriculum, and sanctions for unruly students including Saturday school, community service and loss of sports-participation privileg-

Memphis' is the largest school system in Tennessee and the 18th largest in the nation. According to the National Coalition to Abolish Corporal Punishment in Schools 2004 study of the nation's 100 largest school systems, Memphis' was one of only nine that still allow paddling.

#### Suit alleges death faked

HOUSTON — A lawsuit is accusing a bank and 24 other businesses and individuals of helping a Clear Lake man in a \$7 million fraud scheme.

Larry Michael Nixon, 55, has been accused of faking his own death. The man known for his parties and big spending disappeared after his speedboat, "Living Extra Fast," smashed into a barge in August 2003 in the Houston Ship Channel. He was found alive in January in a house in the North Texas town of Weatherforn of Weatherforn Texas town of Weatherforn of Weatherforn

The lawsuit was filed Friday by Old National Bank of Evansville, Ind., and M. Gene Marlin of Greenwood, Ind., a former partner of Niyon

It accuses Moody National Bank and Michael Hazelwood, vice president and loan officer at its Clear Lake branch, of conspiring with Nixon to obtain loans to buy nonexistent cranes.



Beef on the hoof Cattle graze on Jay Robinson's ranch in Clovis, Calif. After several lean years, California cattle ranchers are enjoying their second consecutive year of record beef prices.



Tiny Claus
G-month-old Lindsey Mann is pushed along Main Street by her grandmother Lucy Ywarsky during the Jewett City Snowflake Parade in Griswold, Conn. Mann won 1st place in her category.



Foggy fishing The fog didn't stop these men from fishing at Cedar Creek Lake near Crab Orchard,KY.



Sailing away

Near miss

Members of the University of Wisconsin-Madison Hoofers Sailing Club get in one last race on a nice Sunday afternoon before winter sets in for good.



Let there be lights Keith Calicott with the Jackson Counsessets up one of the light displays in preparation for the annual Christmas In The Park at Longview Lake in Lee's Summit, Mo. The display opens with more than 100 singers and dancers performing and a fireworks display.



Hanging on
A single raindrop clings to the tip
of a leaf of a Japanese maple tree
in between rain showers in
Birmingham, Ala.



A cedar tree lays across Wayside Drive in Austin, Texas, after falling in heavy rains. The tree narrowly missed a parked SUV as it fell.

#### Whale's diet revealed

AK ANCHORAGE — A Prince William Sound killer whale that washed up dead on Latouche Island in 2003 had scarfed down at least five sea otters — plus 1,000 seabird feathers, bits of seaweed and about nine pounds of rocks.

The belly of the big male, from a unique population in sharp decline, also contained parts of nine harbor seals, some river-otter teeth, a sliver of a clam's siphon and an octopus's beak, according to Lori Quakenbush, a biologist with the state's Arctic Marine Mammal Program.

The analysis, summarized in a recent report, gave scientists a rare chance to catalog exactly what one of the ocean's top predators had to eat.

It marked the first time sea-otter remains had been documented inside a killer whale's stomach, according to biologists.

#### Lawmakers need space

DES MOINES — Officials are trying to find additional work space for a Senate that's split 25-25 among Democrats and Republicans.

The tie means the two parties get equal staff, equal office space and equal status. That's not always easy to arrange and, in some cases, long planned Statehouse renovation may be put on hold.

#### Libraries protect kids

FL ORLANDO — Libraries in Orange County have barred unaccompanied adults from lingering in the children's areas of its 14 branches, a policy that is among the first of its kind in the nation.

Since Nov. 1, adults without children may select items in the children's section, but they cannot read books or loiter in the department, said Marilyn Hoffman, community-relations coordinator.

Officials with the Association for Library Service to Children said many libraries limit adults' use of computers or bathrooms in the children's departments, but Orange County's policy could be the first in the nation to restrict adults' presence in the areas.

Although Hoffman said no specific incident led to the new rules, Orlando police arrested a man in August after a 15-year-old girl said he tried to molest her at the downtown library.

#### Law limits scooters

MA BOSTON — A bill that restricts the use of motorized scooters was approved by state lawmakers Wednesday and sent to Gov. Mitt Romney for his signature.

The proposed law requires scooter operators to hold a valid driver's license or permit and wear a helmet. It also mandates the scooters be driven during daylight hours at no more than 20 miles per hour and requires they be equipped with turn signals. Drivers must also obey all traffic laws and stay off sidewalks

The new law would cover all types of scooters, from motorized skateboards to 2-foot miniature motorcycles and motorized tricycles.

#### Bus drivers go hunting

MORGANTOWN — Hundreds of schoolchildren were forced to find a ride or miss classes Tuesday when bus drivers skipped their routes to go deer hunting for the second straight day.

Jake Mullet, assistant superintendent of Monongalia County schools, said the problem was not as severe as Monday, when transportation officials were unable to find substitute drivers for 10 buses and children on those routes were stranded.

On Tuesday, only six routes were unstaffed, affecting about 600 children.

Twenty-one drivers did not show up Monday, Mullet said, "but contrary to published reports, only

one failed to notify us."

Mullet said school officials will
meet with the drivers, and disciplinary action including suspen-

sion is possible.

#### Chicago to warn, then tow

CHICAGO — The city of Chicago is changing its towing program following complaints from car owners who say they weren't given enough notice before their cars were sold. Chicago will now give vehicle owners 2d days, up from 15, to reclaim to the cars and allow them to request 15-day extensions. The city down will expand the use of payment plans for tickets, fines and fees.

#### Hero becomes suspect

SALT LAKE CITY — Two weeks ago, Michael Wayne Wold was a hero as he rescued his wife, two young children and the family dog from their burning second-story apartment.

Now, Wold has been charged

with setting the blaze that endangered the lives of everyone living in the eight-unit complex.

Wold, 38, was charged Monday with first-degree felony aggravated arson, punishable by up to life in prison. He has become a suspect in two other fires that are now being reinvestigated — an apartment fire and a delivery-van fire. Both occurred within the past two years, according to authorities.

#### Professors unionize

WA CHENEY — Eastern Washington University professors voted overwhelmingly in
fravor of forming a union that will
represent full- and part-time faculty in collective bargaining with the
administration. Central Washington University faculty were the
first in the state to take advantage
for colleges Professors at Western
Washington University also are organizing a union.

#### Tuition increase

CHEYENNE — The Wyoming Community College Commission approved a tution hike of about 4 percent at the state's seven community colleges. Under the new rates, effective in the 2005-06 school year, a full-time student who is a Wyoming resident will pay \$684 a semester, up from \$660. Full-time nonresidents will now pay \$2,064 a semester, up from \$1,980.

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#### Shake depression stigma

On March 27, 2003, I lost my husband, Army Maj. Peter C. Graff, to suicide. Like many members of our armed forces, he was afraid to seek the help he needed, believing the stigma associated with mental illness would ruin his military career. How wrong

I only wish I had known about the help available to soldiers and their families. I applaud Stars and Stripes for running the July 26 article "In Iraq, confronting 'the silent enemy." Too many people see depression as a character flaw or as an indication of personal weakness and frailty.

Depression is actually a chemical imbalance. You don't accuse diabetics of being weak because their insulin levels are off They can't control that. You also cannot control levels of serotonin. Sometimes you need help. It is a treatable illness. No one should ever he too afraid or intimidated to seek

Pete was a wonderful man, and it breaks my heart that he won't be here to help me raise our daughter, now 5, and our son, almost 2. He won't be there to help his colleagues with legal cases, and he won't be there to give comfort to his parents as they

It isn't fair, and it is my prayer that no one else ever goes through this kind of pain. I hope the article saves many lives.

Colleen McInerney-Graff Clarks Summit, Pa.

#### Kadena airman not forgotten

On behalf of my son, Airman 1st Class Charles F. Eskew, and his family, I'm hoping that everyone will stop and remember this special Christian young man who gave his all ("Airman convicted of premeditated murder in Okinawa dormitory death," arti-cle, May 18, 2002). He was the first as a jet propulsion specialist to pick up a gun during Sept. 11, he worked on the Thunderbirds, he reconfigured several jet engines and, most importantly, he was a friend to all. His big smile, courage and his love for God and family will never, ever be forgotten

Patti J. Eskew Great Falls, Mont.

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#### 'Locked down' in Kuwait

I tend to call my mother once a week to let her know how things are going here in Kuwait. She always asks me, "So, how's Ku-wait?" I politely say, "I don't know." She lets me know that I've been stationed here for almost three months, and I then let her know that I've been "locked down" because of "security reasons" for almost three months.

I've never had any real faith in the intelligence community prior to Sept. 11, and definitely lost what little I had afterward. Now. servicemembers are locked down indefinitely on their respective compounds under the guise of "security reasons." Nothing specif-

My question is this: Why can a 25-year-old female civilian or contractor leave her work area at 2 a.m. in her new Suburban by herself and run to McDonald's, unarmed, without having to worry about the "security" concerns we do? Then, on the way out, ask the field grade officers and senior noncommissioned officers present if we want anything as if feeling sorry we can't go?

Are we servicemembers all being "locked

down" on our compounds due to someone not wanting to have to deal with the small percentage of those who are sure to make fools of themselves? What about the 95 percent who know how to conduct themselves in public and would like to see what our Kuwaiti neighbors have to offer us culturally? I wonder

Michael T. Finn Jr.

#### GOP's morality in question

I found very interesting a recent action by the Republican leadership in the U.S. Sen-ate and the House. In 1993 the Republicans adopted a rule that stated simply no one indicted for a crime could serve as a committee chairman, but would have to temporarily step aside. However with Senate Majority Leader Tom DeLay facing possible indictment in Texas, well, they just changed the rule to "convicted." That was easy enough. I guess it's do as I say, not as I do. And this is the party that after the elec-

tion trumpeted its moral superiority. Boy I can't wait to see what happens over the next four years. Hypocrites. John Lambert Baumholder, Germany

#### It was just a joke

The response to the Nov. 23 letter "R&R may be in order," which was about sugges-tions for improving the appearance of the Aerostat, seems to miss what I believe was the letter writer's point, or lack thereof - it was a joke.

I know these days a person is not correct unless politically correct, and humor is often mistaken as means for another person or group to call to arms. So instead of reading too far into what was meant at worst as a bit of sarcasm, I suggest you may want to

simply grin and bear it.
On a side note, I find the importance and sefulness of the Aerostat to be somewhere along the lines of Camp Victory's speed bumps and the logistics support area fences. None of the previously mentioned provements" were here when my unit arrived a year ago, and all have been futile in making our deployment here any more secure.

Sgt. Todd Weinzierl Camp Victory, Iraq BY GARRY TRUDEAU

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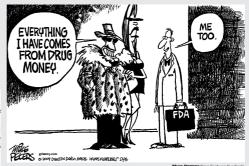


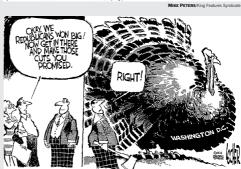
## **Looking at** the news

A weekly sampling of U.S. editorial cartoons











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Jupiter and Neptune emphasize what we like - and possibly too much of a good thing. If you already know you've got a propensi-

ty toward indulgence when **Holiday Mathis** it comes to certain substances or people, stav away Whether it's sugar or an ex-love who is bad for you, it's better to not even go there, especially with so much goodness to be

#### enioved. TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

(November 27). This year provides you with the focus it takes to spend your energv where it's most appreciated. You're aligned with your values and therefore, new horizons open. Finances improve next month, when you make the most of a circumstantial shift. Caution: Don't overextend in April. Spring's end features a move, perhaps to be closer to a loved one

#### ARIES (March 21-April 19).

Your confidence is your speed pass. Flash your moxie, and you get let behind the velvet ropes of life. Romantic matters must be adjusted to fit the lifestyle of all involved. You'll be surrounded by intellectual talk

#### TAURUS (April 20-May 20). A relationship has suffered for lack of attention. It's worth it to dig down

deep to find your inner romantic hero. Grand (sappy) gestures are required. Pour your heart into it, and love blossoms

#### GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The basic human need to help

others is highlighted. Your contributions make your soul feel shiny and new. Neighbors and friends involve you in projects. They'll share the bounty or the work - either way

#### CANCER (June 22-July 22). When you give up a struggle, it becomes apparent what's worth

fighting for and what is not. You can then choose to get back in the same fight, energy renewed, or pick up a new crusade altogether

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You've become desensitized. Amping up the stakes is the only way to keep

you from complete boredom. Go after love ferociously! Voraciously! As if passion were more important than bread, water and air.

#### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You've been content to hold up the

background scenery for too long now. Dare to purchase an item that's extremely of the time. A touch of trendiness makes you feel more outgoing, curi-

#### ous and sassy LIBRA (Sept.

23-0ct. 23). You've worked on yourself diligently. You deserve to love someone who is just as evolved. New personality traits attract you - a sly smile, a sure-sound-

ing voice, someone who stands out from the crowd.

#### SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There are good surprises and bad surprises. Right now, you'd prefer no surprises. But if your karma is clean, you have nothing to fear from the unexpected. Potential loves work

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). What's good for the goose isn't ssarily good for the gander now. Realize that your needs are unique and specific to only you. The hetter you can articulate that the more likely you are to smile often

harder to please you.

### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Taking risks is what you're

good at now, but when you're putting it on the line, how much is too much? You want to know truthfully when you're doing the right thing and when you're blowing it. Ask a Virgo or Leo.

#### AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Be aware: Your vibe is strong now In spite of your efforts to be friendly and inclusive, you're a bit intimidat-ing. This could cause a date to

make one too many mistakes, leaving you to cry, "Check, please! PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You successfully inform family and friends how they can make your life easier. Now, if you could only do the

same in regards to your love life. Research how you can add few more skills to your romantic arsenal

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#### **Peanuts**























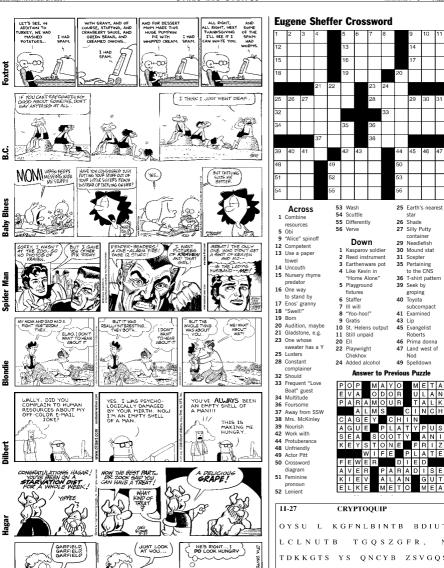












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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF SOMEONE LEFT ALPHABET SOUP UNATTENDED ON THE BURNER, IT MIGHT SPELL DISASTER.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: K equals P

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## Big party for baby a bit too much

Dear Abby: Our son is 8 months old, and my wife is busy planning his first birthday party. The party will be in Feb ruary, which makes it too cold

for anything outside. She plans to invite 50 guests,

including children. Our house is small, so she wants to rent a hall and have the party catered. Is this too much for a first birthday party? We're saving for a new house, and what she has in mind will be evnensive

My wife says I'm cruel for not supporting her idea of a big bash for our son. I think that having our immediate family together, healthy and alive, is special enough. Am I being a curmudgeon?

Dear Sensible: You're not a curmudgeon - you are someone who has his eye on a goal and

said that I am a better

it. When she has the

goes through large

that amount

effort to change

checkbook, the bills are

never paid on time. She

amounts of money with

no explanation of where

nothing to show for it and

it all went. She can go through

\$400 in two days. Once she said

it was for her daughter's birth-

day, but the things she told me

she bought didn't come close to

Every payday is a big battle,

and it is taking a huge toll on our

was told that the money situation

in our relationship was complete

ly unbalanced. Still, she made no

-DW

relationship. We have been to

couples' counseling, where she

party your wife is planning is really for her, not the baby. All a child that age needs for his birthday is his mommy, his daddy, and a few close relatives to celebrate the occasion with a cake he can put his hands and face into - and, of course, a camera.

Dear Abby



pregnant with my first baby. For some reawoman I speak to feels

son, almost every the need to tell me about the hell I am about to endure. Apparently I will never spend another minute alone with my hus-

band. My car will be ruined, and my house will be a permanent disaster. Very few people tell me how wonderful it is to be

I would just ask that when a woman is expecting, please don't assume it's a license to

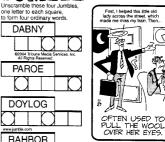
complain about how terrible it was when your children were voung. My husband and I planned this pregnancy, but if I had heard half the horror stories I've heard in the past several months. I probably would have taken a different route.

> - Mom-to-be in Southern California

Dear Mom-to-be: If parenthood didn't have many rewards, do you think that these doomspreaders would have had more than one child? While it's only logical that having children is a life-changing experience, it is also an individual process. For some people the adjustment may be painful. However, for many others, the changes are welcome and the joys are bountiful. Think positive and tune the naysayers

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Mike Argi



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon

Answer here: A Yesterday's

(Answers Monday) Jumbles: PRIME BLOOM PANTRY TALLOW Answer: What the heavyset diners had at the restaurant - A "WAIT" PROBLEM

## **Partner makes fiasco of finances**



"Happily ever after? End of story? Same old cop-out!"

## - Sensible in Norristown, Pa.

Dear Annie: A major Annie's Mailbox problem in my relationship with my partner is about finances. She has money manager, but she refuses to let me manage

checkbook, even though she is making a mess of it and cannot account for some of the money, indicates that she is hiding something. It could be a gambling problem, an addiction or an inability to add and subtract. but something isn't right.

In most relation. ships, one person is more adept at handling

money, and it doesn't matter if the person is male or female. Your partner needs to be honest about what's going on, or you might have to set up separate accounts. Talk to a credit counse lor who will help you create a budget and manage your money responsibly. Try the National Foundation for Credit Counseling (nfcc.org) at 1-800-388-2227.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Chewy in Nova Scotia, who bites her nails. You told her to work on her stress levels and maybe get a nice manicure. You

said if all else fails, she should

try the OC Foundation Please tell her about the won derful products that can be bought in local pharmacies, often in the nail polish section. You paint them onto your nails, and they taste disgusting. My 8-year-old son stopped sucking

his fingers overnight with the help of one of these products. You can find them at www.folica.com and www.stopbitingnails.com

- Mom in Massachusetts Dear Mom: Several readers recommended over-the-counter products that taste unpleasant and may help break the habit of biting one's nails or sucking one's thumb

We have not tried these prod-

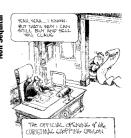
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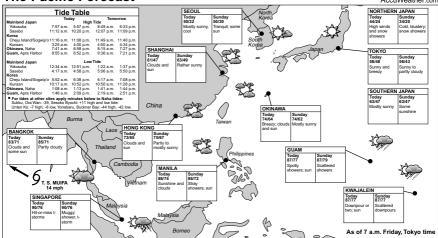


rious? Look at our arms! If anything I'm fwice as tan as you are



### The Pacific Forecast

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#### **Extended Forecasts**

токуо Monday: Partly sunny, high 53, low 44. Tuesday: Partly sunny, high 54, low 43,

KADENA Monday: Partly sunny, high 76, low 64. Tuesday: Partly sunny high 76, low 64.

SEOUL Monday: Partly sunny, high 46, low 28. Tuesday: Sunny, high 45, low 30.

#### MANILA

Monday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 86, low 72. Tuesday: Periods of clouds and sunshine. high 88, low 74.

high 87, low 75. Tuesday: Showers, high 87, low 77,

HAGATNA

Monday: Showers,

#### Thursday's USA Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Albuquerque	55/35	Los Angeles	72/50
Amarillo	65/38	Little Rock	54/38
Anchorage	34/22	Louisville	46/36
Asheville	47/27	Miami	81/61
Baltimore	65/34	Milwaukee	40/29
Birmingham	51/34	Nashville	48/33
Bismarck	42/28	New York	65/34
Boise	49/31	Omaha	48/36
Boston	64/31	Orlando	76/47
Brownsville	76/62	Philadelphia	66/36
Buffalo	37/26	Phoenix	69/49
Burlington	61/24	Pittsburgh	45/25
Charleston, St	C 68/37	Portland, OR	54/42
Charlotte	61/30	Portland, ME	59/28
Cleveland	36/28	Salt Lake City	52/34
Columbus, OF	35/28	St. Louis	46/38
Duluth	28/20	San Antonio	67/47
El Paso	62/40	San Diego	68/52
Hartford	65/31	San Juan	85/74
Helena	51/33	Tampa	76/48
Indianapolis	43/31	Tulsa	58/47
Jacksonville	72/38	Washington	65/36
Kansas City	51/43	Wichita	56/39



#### U.S. Extended Forecast

A cold front will move through the Ohio Valley Saturday, bringing rain from Michigan southward into eastern Mississippi and Alabama, Low pressure will bring snow showers to the Rockies and mountains of Arizona, Utah and Nevada. Another cold front moving into the Pacific Northwest will bring showers to the Washington and Oregon Coast. Sunday, rain will spread across New England and the mid-Atlantic states as the cold front pushes through. Higher elevations may receive snow showers following the passage of this front as temperatures start to decline and Canadian high pressure builds.

#### Saturday's Pacific Temperatures

### Saturday's World Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY F	IGH/LOW
Bangkok	83/71	lwakuni	62/45	Sasebo NB	62/48	Acapulco	93/75	Budapest	41/34	Kabul	57/27	Nairobi	79/54
Beijing	57/37	Kadena AB	74/64	Sapporo	44/24	Athens	58/47	Buenos Aires	81/64	Kiev	30/21	New Delhi	76/47
Camp Casey	53/27	Kunsan AB	54/39	Seoul	50/32	Auckland	57/49	Cairo	66/45	Kuwait	69/38	Oslo	27/24
Christchurch	58/40	Kwajalein	87/77	Shanghai	61/47	Baghdad	55/30	Cancun	82/70	London	48/38	Paris	47/36
Diego Garcia	87/79	Manila	88/74	Singapore	90/76	Barbados	88/71	Cape Town	75/55	Madrid	59/45	Rio de Janeiro	84/72
Hagatna	87/77	Misawa AB	49/31	Sydney	87/68	Barcelona	58/46	Geneva	42/38	Mexico City	72/51	Rome	58/45
Hanoi	67/59	Osan	52/31	Taegu	58/35	Berlin	43/34	Istanbul	52/43	Montreal	36/33	St. Petersburg	23/15
Hong Kong	73/65	Perth	80/61	Taipei	71/59	Bermuda	70/61	Jerusalem	54/43	Mogadishu	87/70	Stockholm	29/22
Honolulu	84/72	Pusan	58/43	Tokyo	58/48	Brussels	46/36	Johannesburg	85/62	Moscow	16/8	Warsaw	35/28



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## Mickelson matches record low 59

By JAYMES SONG The Associated Press

POIPU BEACH, Hawaii -Phil Mickelson ended his magical year with golf's magic number.

The Masters champion shot a 13-under 59 on Wednesday to win the PGA Grand Slam of Golf, a two-day competition for the

year's four major winners. "It was certainly unexpected," said Mickelson, who hadn't touched a club for two weeks be-fore the tournament. "I didn't hit it great today and somehow I shot 59. So go figure. It just all kind of came together.

Al Geiberger, Chip Beck and David Duval are the only players to shoot 59 on the PGA Tour, and Annika Sorenstam shot a 59 on the LPGA Tour. Mickelson's score will not count in the record books because the PGA Grand Slam is not an official event.

Shigeki Maruyama carded a 58 at Woodmont Country Club in Rockville, Md., during qualifying for the 2000 U.S. Open.

Mickelson barely missed a 9-foot eagle putt to the left on the last hole that would have given him a 58. He tapped in for birdie and smiled as the gallery cheered

"I just went out and just kind of played and today, the ball went in the hole," he said. "I don't really have an explanation for it.'

Mickelson's 59 moved him from third place to first, with a 17-under 127 total, which tied the course record and beat PGA champion Vijay Singh by five

Lefty had 11 birdies, an eagle and no bogevs to win \$400,000. He putted just 24 times, including 11 times on the front nine. It was a spectacular way to end a season Mickelson won't forget: His victory at Augusta National allowed him to shed the label of "best player never to win a major," and he went on to finish a close second in the U.S. Open, third in the British Open and tied for sixth in the

"I made everything," he said.

"It was a great feeling to see the ball go in the hole. Awesome.'

Mickelson's previous competitive career low was 61 in the 2001 Greater Hartford Open. His season low was a 63 in the Bob Hope Chrysler Classic.

Singh, the No. 1 player in the shot a 66 and earned \$250,000, while first-round leader Retief Goosen - the U.S. Open champ — closed with a 68 to finish at 11-under. British Open champion Todd Hamilton finished last at 1-over 145 after a 75

"Phil outplayed everybody — or outscored everybody," Singh said. "It was incredible. After about the 12th or 15th hole, we were just watching him.'

In balmy and calm conditions at the oceanside Poipu Bay Golf Course, Mickelson struggled off the tee at times - finding the rough, sand and gallery - but compensated with impressive short play.

He became just the third player to win the event since 1998. Last year, Jim Furyk snapped

Tiger Woods' record string of five straight Grand Slam victories.

With his face caked in sunscreen, Mickelson was relaxed and loose throughout the round. chatting with his opponents and caddie Jim "Bones" McKay.

"C'mon Bones, let's see if we can make at least one putt today Mickelson said with a smile while walking up to his short hirdie attempt on No. 12. It was his seventh birdie of the day.

Mickelson, who won two tour events this year and finished third on the money list with more than \$5.7 million, birdied Nos. 13-15 to open a commanding four-stroke edge and closed with birdies on Nos. 16 and 18.

It was on the front nine when Mickelson surged to the top of the leaderboard. His tourna-ment-record 28 on the front side included six birdies and an eagle. He broke Woods' mark of 30 set in 2000.

Mickelson who had two eagles Tuesday, carded four straight birdies, followed by an eagle on the 573-yard No. 6 to tie Goosen for the lead at 10 under.



#### Phil Mickelson shot a 59 Wednes day to win PGA Grand Slam of Golf in Poinu Reach, Hawaii.

His 15-foot eagle putt was set up by a 324-yard drive and a 247-vard second shot with a utiliwood. Mickelson sank a 31/2-foot birdie putt on the next hole to take his first outright lead of the tournament.

The birdie-birdie-birdie-eagle streak was the best in tournament history. That run ended after Mickelson found two bunkers on the 374-yard No. 8, but he still managed to save par

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Connecticut's Cornell Brockington (33) dives into the end zone for a touchdown in the first half of Thursday's 41-35 victory over Rutgers.

## Connecticut plays football, too

BY TOM CANAVAN The Associated Press

PISCATAWAY, N.J. - Put Connecticut on the football map, too.

Dan Orlovsky threw three touchdowns and Connecticut virtually assured itself of a bowl bid in its first season as a football member of the Big East Conference with a wild 41-35 victory over Rutgers on Thursday.

"Now we know we are going to Now we show we are going to be going somewhere," coach Randy Edsall said after the Hus-kies (7-4, 3-3 Big East) solidified their bowl credentials. "Gosh! December 21, 1998, I could have never envisioned this.'

As soon as the words were out of his mouth. Edsall choked with emotion, referring to the day he was hired and asked to build Connecticut into a Division I-A pro-

'I think this is monumental," Edsall said. "This is another milestone. It seems like we keep having milestones upon milestones with this program because of the

kids and coaches in that room." The Big East is in the BCS mix and has agreements with the Gator Bowl, the Continental Tire Bowl and the Insight Bowl.

Connecticut athletic director Jeff Hathaway, whose school won the men's and women's NCAA basketball titles last season, planned to talk with bowl representatives over the next few days. He hopes to make a bowl announcement soon. "I think people believe the

UConn brand is very powerful, very strong and recognized na-tionwide for a variety of sports," said Hathaway, who had tears in his eyes. "We have been blessed to go to a lot of Final Fours and moved the tickets. I think the

bowls believe in us. Tight end Dan Murray caught touchdown passes of 32 and 3 yards and halfback Cornell Brock-

ington ran for two TDs and caught a scoring pass despite playing only a half because of a

shoulder injury. Chris Bellamy also scored on 2-yard run as Connecticut sent Rutgers (4-7, 1-5) to its fifth straight loss in a season that began with hopes of a first bowl

bid since 1978 "We knew we had to be 7-4 to definitely secure a bowl," Bel-lamy said. "Me, as a senior, that was my dream, to go to a bowl.'

Tres Moses capped a record season at Rutgers, scoring on touchdown passes of 87 and 16 yards. He finished with seven catches for 168 yards and set school records for catches (81) and yards (1,056).

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CLEVELAND BROWNS (3-7) AT CINCINNATI
BENGALS (4-6) — Browns: QUESTIONABLE:
WR Andre Davis (toe): QB Jeff Garcia (right
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Bauman (Achilles). QUESTIONABLE: CB Sugus (tee). Bedgas: DUBI FUE: CB Rashida Bauman (Achilles). QUESTIONABLE: CB Deltha O'Neal (elbow): DE Carl Powell (knee). PROBABLE: T Willie Anderson (knee): LB Caleb Miller (ankle): RB Chris Perry (abdo-men): TE Matt Schodel (groin): WR Kelley Washington (shoulder): RB Kenny Watson

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JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS (6-4) AT MINNESOTA VIKINGS (6-4) — Jaguars: QUESTIONABLE:
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MIAMI DOLPHINS (1-9) AT SAN FRANCISCO 9ERS (1-9) — Dolphins: OUT- LR Tone Pen 49ERS (1-9) — Dolphins: OUT: LB Tony Bua (quady); Blay Fielder (neck/NB, DOUBFTLL) Gleno James (Bnee); LB Zach Thomas (ham-string), QUESTIONABLE: GB AJ Feeley (back/buttocks); FB Rob Konrad (concus-sion); K Olindo Mare (right call; RB Sammy Morris (ribs), PROBABLE: S Yeremiah Bell (knee); WR Marty Booker (anakle); T Damion McIntosh (ankle); BS Travis Minor (ankle); DT Mario Monds (shand); T John St Clair (ankle); G Taylor Whitley (foot); CB Jimm Wyrick (trapezius). 49ers: OUT: C Jerem Newberry (back/knee); CB Ahmed Plumme (neck). DOUBTFUL: LB Ray Wells (ankle QUESTIONABLE: CB Jimmy Williams (toe

PROBABLE: DT Tony Brown (shoulder).

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS (4-6) AT ATLANTA
FALCONS (8-2) — Saints: DOUBTFUL: WR
Michael Lewis (ankle); LB Derrick Rodgers

(back). QUESTIONABLE: S Steve Gleason (hamstring); G Kendyl Jacox (knee); CB Mike McKenzie (knee), PROBABLE: WR Joe Horn (elbow), Falcons: QUESTIONABLE: RB Justin Griffith (knee), PROBABLE: TE Eric Beverly (shoulder); WIR PPINE FEBRUARY. 

Cahoulder): S Bryan Scott (kines): LB Artie Land Carlot (Land Carlot Ca

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TENNESSEE TITANS (4-6) AT HOUSTON TEXANS (4-6) — Titans: OUT: T Brad Hopkins
(hand); S Justin Sandy (toot); S Lance
Schulters (floot); S Tank Williams (kinee); CB
Andre Woolfok (elbow), QUESTIONABLE: LB
Rocky Boiman (calf); RB Chris Brown (toe);
DT Albert Haynesworth (elbow), S Scott Mc
Garrahan (thigh); T Fred Miller (ankle); LB
Robert Reynolds (concussion); CB Samari rt Reynolds (concussion); Cb Samari (knee). Texans: DOUBTFUL: S Jason ions (head). QUESTIONABLE: S Marcus nan (shoulder); LB Jay Foreman (shouleman (shoulder); LB Jay Foreman (shoulder); RB Tony Hollings (hamstring); DE Gary ker (foot). PROBABLE: LB Antwan Peek

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Verron Haynes (knee). AKLAND RAIDERS (3-7) AT DENVER BRON OAKLAND RAIDERS (3-1) AT DETERMINENT COS (7-3) — Raiders OUT: TE Courtney Anderson (knee); WR Johnnie Morant (foot); LB Travian Smith (knee); G Ron Stone (knee), OUESTIONABLE: RB Tyrone Wheatley (foot); WR Alvis Whitted (hamstring). Broncos: WR Alvis Whitted (hamstring). Broncos: OUT: DT Luther Elliss (callf); DE Trevo Pryce (back). PROBABLE: LB Patrick Chukwurah (lower leg); P Micah Knorr (knee); S John Lynch (back).

Monday ST. LOUIS RAMS (5-5) AT GREEN BAY PACK-FRS (6-4) — Pamer 5-5) AT GREEN BAY PACK-ERS (6-4) — Rams: OUT: G Chris Dishman (knee). DOUBTFUL: CB Dejuan Groce (knee). OUESTIONABLE: WR TORY HOIT (knee). PROB-ABLE: S Antuan Edwards (groin); CB Travis Fisher (knee); CB Kevin Garrett (concus-sion); DE Tony Hargrove (neck); DE Leonard Little (neck): T Grant Williams (shoulder).

Packers: QUESTIONABLE: RB Ahman Green (ribs): RB Nicolas Luchey (shoulder). To David Martin (knee): DPV; ribs); RB Nicolas Luchey (shoulder); TE David Martin (knee); RB Walter Williams (ankle), PROBABLE: RB Najeh Davenport (hamstring); S Michael Hawthorne (ankle); S Darron Sharner (knee)

### College basketball

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78-67, Next vs. No. 14 (beat Friday

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Next: vs. No. 1 Wake Forest, Friday. 19. Alabama (3-0) beat Alaska-Anchorage 90-55. Next: vs. Minnesota, Friday. 20. Wisconsin (2-0) did not play. Next: at Pepperdine, Saturday. 21. Notre Dame (2-0) did not play. Next: vs.

21. Notre Dame (2-0) did not play, Next: vs. Charleston Southern, Friday, 22. Washington (1-0) did not play, Next: vs. Utah, Thursday, 23. Florida (2-0) did not play, Next: vs. Providence, Saturday, 24. Gorraga (3-0) beat Idaho 88-74. Next: at No. 3 Illinois, Saturday, 25. Memphis (4-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 13 Maryland, Friday.

#### Wednesday's men's scores EAST oston U. 66, Fordham 51

Buston U. 66, Fordham 51 Columbia 53, Long Island U. 49 Hofstra 79, La Salfe 69 Lehigh 58, Sacred Heart 52 Pittsburgh 83, Robert Morris 59 Stony Brook 68, Army 54 Weet Virgins 72 West Virginia 72, Duquesne 69 SOUTH Aubum 92, Nicholls St. 78
Davidson 103, Maine-Farmington 33
Florida St. 88, Shawnee St. 65
Grambling St. 80, Texas Coll. 58
LSU 95, New Orleans 79
N. Kentucky 106, Thomas More 83
Northwestern St. 107, LSU-Shreveport 80
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Louisiana-Monroe 75, Baylor 61 Texas Southern 63, Chicago St. 57 Texas-San Antonio 69. Texas Lutheran 45

Texas-San Antonio 69, Texas Lutherai FAR WEST Boise St. 63, Portland St. 51 Colorado St. 88, Nebraska-Omaha 64 Gonzaga 88, Idaho 74 Loyola Marymount 83, N. Colorado 51 Oral Roberts 70, N. Arizona 69 San Jose St. 65, Montana St. 64
Texas-Arlington 88, New Mexico St. 67
W. New Mexico 79, N.M. Highlands 75
Washington St. 61, Georgia Southern 42
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BYU 77, Chaminade 56
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Championshin ans Classic Championsh Creighton 65, Ohio St. 63, OT Third Place

Creighton v., - Thire r...-Houston 57, Missouri 55 Preseason NIT Semifinals Arizona 61, Michigan 60, OT Wake Forest 79, Providence 67

#### AP women's Top 25 fared

Wednesday nnessee (3-0) did not play. Next: at 1. rennessee (3-0) did not play. Next: at No. 4 Texas, Thursday.
 2. LSU (5-0) did not play. Next: vs. No. 22 Maryland at Boulder, Colo., Friday.
 3. Georgia (2-0) did not play. Next: vs. Idaho at Honolulu, Friday. daho at Honolulu, Friday.

4. Texas (1-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 1
Frennessee, Thursday.

5. North Carolina (2-0) did not play. Next:

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6. North Carolina (1-0) did not play. Next: at outhern Cal. Friday.

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s. noue pume p. 90 and not play. Next: at Southern Cal. Friday.

7. Stanford (4-0) beat Louislana-Lafayette for 47. Next: vs. No. 12 Texas Tech. Sunday.

8. Connecticut (1-1) did not play. Next: vs. South Florida, Wednesday, Dec. 1.

9. Baylor (2-1) did not play. Next: vs. Sam Houston State. Friday. Houston State, Friday. 10. Duke (3-1) did not play. Next: vs. Stephen Fr. Austin at Bahamas, Friday. 11. Ohio State (3-1) did not play. Next: vs.

Yale, Saturday. 17 Texas Tech (1-0) did not play. Next: at 12. Texas Tech (1-0) did not play. Next: w. No. 7 Stanford, Sunday. 13. Michigan State (2-0) did not play. Next: vs. Utah at Honolulu, Friday. 14. Vanderbilt (2-0) did not play. Next: vs.

14. Varideroni (2-0) did not play. Next: vs. Arkansas at Corpus Christi, Texas, Thursday. 16. Kansas State (2-0) did not play. Next: vs. Illinois State at Bahamas, Friday. 17. Rutgers (1-0) did not play. Next: vs. South Dakota State at US Virgin Islands,

Thursday.

18. Minnesota (3-1) did not play. Next: at Creighton, Sunday.

19. DePaul (3-0) did not play. Next: vs. Northwestern, Saturday.

20. Boston College (2-1) beat Quinnipiac 74-43. Next: at Massachusetts, Saturday.

21. Oklahoma (2-0) did not play. Next vs. Akron at Bahamas, Friday.

22. Maryland (2-0) did not play. Next vs.

22. Maryianu (2-0) did not piay, Next: vs. No. 2 ISU at Boulder, Colo, Friday. 23. Louisiana Tech (1-0) beat Mississippi 88-70. Next: vs. Arkansas State, Sunday. 24. Villanova (2-0) did not play. Next: vs. No. 5 North Carolina at Las Vegas, Saturday 25. Arizona (2-1) did not play. Next: at BYU,

### Wednesday's women's scores

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Houston 80, Creighton 63
Tulsa 71, SW Missouri 87
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BYU 81, Nevada 64
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Long Beach St. 61, Montana 53
UCLA 83, Clema 70 URINAMENT
Great Alaska Shootout
Stanford 67, Louisland-Laflyette 47
Third Place
E. Washington 82, Alaska-Anchorage 69

### College football

### AP Top 25 schedule

Friday, Nov. 26 No. 6 Texas vs. No. 22 Texas A&M No. 14 LSU at Arkansas No. 18 Arizona State at Arizona

#### TANK MCNAMARA

Just a few more I's to be dotted in the pre-nup between Smashers quarterback L'Shaun Jefferson

and SI magazine swimsuit issue cover girl Lizbith.



Saturday, Nov. 27 No. 1 Southern Cal vs. Notre Dame No. 7 Louisville vs. Cincinnati No. 8 Georgia vs. Georgia Tech No. 10 Boise State at Nevada North Carolina 106, Iowa 92 NO. 10 BOISE STATE AT NEVADA No. 11 Virginia Tech vs. No. 16 Virginia No. 15 Tennessee vs. Kentucky No. 17 Boston College vs. Syracuse No. 23 Oklahoma State at Texas Tech No. 24 UTEP at Tulsa

#### **Tennis**

#### Fed Cup

## At Krylatskoe Ice Stadium

Surface: Carpet-Indoor WORLD GROUP Semifinals Russia 5, Austria 0

Svetlana Kuznetsova, Russia, def. Yvonne Meusburger, Austria, 6-1, 6-1, Anastašia Myskina, Russia, def. Patricia Wartusch, Austria, 6-0, 6-0. Reverse Singles Anastasia Myskina, Russia, def. Yvonne

Sanciez Lorenzo, Spain, 6-2, 6-4.

Reverse Singles

Nathalie Dechy, France, def. Anabel Medina Garrigues, Spain, 6-3, 6-1.

Tatiana Golovin, France, def. Marta Mar-Tatiana Goloviii, .... rero, Spain, 6-3, 6-4. Doubles

Marion Bartoli and Emilie Loit, France, def. Marta Marrero and Virginia Ruano Pascual. Spain, 7-5, 6-2,

#### College soccer

## Men's Division I tournament

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St. John's (11:5-4) at UCLA (14:3-2)

New Mexico (17:1-1) at Urignia (18-4-0)

Tuba (12-6-3) at Southern Methodist (18-2-1) Wake Forest (14-5-1) at Virginia Common-wealth (12-5-2)

wealth (12-5-2) Sunday, Nov. 28
Ohio State (12-6-2) at Ouke (16-5)
Creighton (14-4-1) at Maryland (16-5-1)
UC Santa Barbara (18-2-1) at UNC-Greensboro (19-2-1)
Boston College (13-4-2) at Indiana (15-4-1)

## Women's Div. I tournament

Fourth Round Friday, Nov. 26 Portland (20-3-0) at Notre Dame (22-1-1) Washington (17-4-1) at Princeton (18-2-0) Saturday, Nov. 27 UCLA (16-6-0) at Ohio State (19-3-3) Illinois (16-5-2) at Santa Clara (17-4-2)

#### Deals

#### Wednesday's transactions

BASEBALL American League CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Agreed to terms with LHP Kevin Walker on a one-year con-

ract. CLEVELAND INDIANS—Agreed to terms with RHP Bob Wickman on a one-year con-

MINNESOTA TWINS—Agreed to terms with MINNESOTA TWINS—Agreed to terms with C Mike Redmond on a two-year contract. National League ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Named Bob Gebhard assistant general manager, Mike Al-drete hitting coach, carjos Tosca third base coach, and Bert Buller lirst base coach. LOS ANGELES DOGERS—Agreed to terms with Jim Tracy, manager, on a two-year com-PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Acquired OF Anto-nio Sucre from the Montreal Expos for OF J.J.

lavis.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

CLEVELAND CAVALIERS—Activated F Luke d list, Placed F Sas

Pavlovic on the injured list.

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WASHINGTON WIZARDS — Named Mitchell Butler director of player development.

National Football League

ARIZONA CARLON HOUSE ARIZON ACTIVATION OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PR lambrick on injured reserve. Signed RB lamien Anderson. BALTIMORE RAVENS—Signed RB Jamel Vhite. Placed RB Musa Smith on injured reerve.

CLEVELAND BROWNS—Placed OT Ryan
ucker on injured reserve. Signed FB Kris
triggs and LB Andre Sommersell to the prac-

tice squad. Waived DB Christian Morton and LB Chris Clemons from the practice squad. DALLAS COWBOYS - Released CB Lenny Williams, Signed TE Sean Ryan from the practice squad.

MIAMI DOLPHINS—Signed QB Jason Gar

rett.
PITTSBURGH STEELERS—Re-signed WR
Chris Doering. Released RB Dante Brown.
SEATTLE SEAHAWKS—Signed P Ken
Walter. Signed LB Tony Donald to the practice squad. Walter. Signed LB Tony Donaid to the pro-walter signed LB Tony Donaid to the pro-trop of the signed to the signed to the TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS – Placed DT An-thony McFarland on injured reserve. Signed Dr Kelth Wright to the practice squad. WASHINGTON REDSKIRS – Placed BC Mrs. Signed Dr. Signed Signed Dr. Signed BC Mrs. Clemons from Cleveland's practice squad. CLEGE SIGNED S

NORTH CAROLINA STATE—Announced nen's basketball F Adam Simons will trans-er after the fall semester.

## RACING STRIPES

## **NASCAR** shifted gears in 2004

## Playoff format brought new level of drama to Nextel Cup

BY JENNA FRYER The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. most popular driver opened the year with a win in the biggest race of them all, and the most hated driver closed the season by taking home the only trophy that really matters.

Somewhere between Earnhardt Jr.'s victory at the sea son-opening Daytona 500 and Kurt Busch's championship-winning performance in the finale, a new era began for NASCAR.

The 2004 season was one of radical changes: First-year chairman Brian France introduced a new series sponsor and a playoff-structured new points system, and he continued to push his sport to the West Coast by shifting races out of the South

It was also a season of sadness: Rick Hendrick, one of the most powerful car owners in NASCAR lost friends, family and employwhen his company plane crashed en route to an Oct. 24 race, killing all 10 aboard.

The tragedy marred what should have been one of the most successful seasons in NASCAR history. The points race was the closest ever and wasn't decided until the last lap of Sunday's race at Homestead-Miami Sneedway

But when Jeff Gordon and Jimmie Johnson failed to give Hendrick the title, it was impossible to mask the disappointment felt across the garage

"It put a whole different mean ing on the championship for us. We wanted it for Hendrick Motorsports." said Gordon, who finished third in the standings. "We knew how much it would mean for us to stand up on that stage in New York and honor those guys as champions. Jimmie or myself. which ever one could get it done.

"It's a disappointment no matter what, knowing that we had an opportunity to do something really special like that."

In the end, Busch beat Johnson for the title by eight points. Gordon was 16 back.

It wasn't a popular ending, with Busch, the series outcast, hoisting the first Nextel Cup trophy.

Busch doesn't really fit in with his rivals - he looks as if he should be playing with a chemis set, not wrestling with a 00-pound stock car — and he 3,400-pound stock car has a propensity to use big words, albeit incorrectly. That's made him somewhat of a misfit through out the garage



#### Kurt Busch, often the target of jeers from NASCAR fans, proved his detractors wrong by winning the Nextel Cun championship.

But mostly, Busch isn't Junior. The overwhelming fan favorite, Earnhardt gave his supporters hope this would be the year he

would win his first championship. He won the Daytona 500 - the one race his late father truly cherished — in dominating fashion. The next nine months didn't go

as well for him: ■ He admitted intentionally

- spinning at Bristol to get a caution that would help his struggling car.
- He was seriously burned

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more positives than negatives.

Jimmie Johnson

Nextel Cup runner-up

when he crashed a sports car in an extracurricular event that caused him to lose ground in the

■ He cursed in a Victory Lane interview at Talladega in October, costing him 25 points and creating an uproar over NASCAR's off-track policing.

points race.

In the end, it was all too much to overcome, and Earnhardt finished a distant fifth in the standings

Fans were angered by that, too. Under the former points system, used for more than two decades, Junior would have finished third, behind Gordon and Johnson

But after years of ho-hum

points races, France overhauled the system and created a 10-driver, 10-race playoff. Fans hated what they considered manufactured drama, but with five drivers eligible to win the title in the season-ending race, France was thrilled

Although some things didn't change - the guy who won the most races (Johnson, with eight victories) - still didn't win the

But in the end, Johnson had stopped criticizing the system after a year of pointing out its faults

"This year has been one of the better years for competing for a championship," he said. "I look at that and I think that that is going to be good for the years to come There are more positives than negatives.

"I think that in the end it will be better for everybody.

The points race was just one of the many major changes France ushered in.

He introduced Nextel as the new series sponsor after Winston ended its longtime partnership, and he settled a lawsuit seeking a second race for Teyas Motor Speedway by shaking up the schedule.

France gave Texas a spring race by closing North Carolina Speedway, then continued to shift to the West by ending the Southern 500 at Darlington Raceway in favor of a second race in Phoenix.

France also lifted the liquor advertising ban, opening the door for companies like Crown Royal, whose logo will be displayed on Busch's car beginning next year.

approved green-white-checkered flag finish after fans nearly rioted at Talladega in April because Gordon was awarded the win for being in front of Earnhardt when a cation came out with three laps to go.



#### Dale Earnhardt Jr.'s season got off to a promising start with a victory in the Daytona 500, but his title hopes faded in the last few races.

When the fans littered the tack with beer cans and other debris, France knew he had to allow racing to the finish

But he also allowed a petty battle to brew through the summer over a bottle of PowerAde atop winners' cars. It was a conflicting sponsorship agreement between several drivers and NASCAR. and when the Gatorade-linked drivers refused to be photographed with the Coca-Cola associated blue PowerAde bottle, a battle of wills broke out.

Johnson, Gordon, Ryan Newman and Matt Kenseth won 12 of the first 22 races and all knocked the bottle off their cars. NASCAR told them to stop, then fined Johnson when he covered the bottle instead

Gordon caused a flap a week later for never even driving to Victory Lane after his win in Indianapolis, a perceived intentional

1. Kurt Busch

avoidance of the PowerAde bot-

By September, the oversized bottle seemed to shrink and wasn't so noticeable anymore in

Victory Lane. The changing of the guard also began, with Mark Martin and Rusty Wallace announcing that 2005 will be their final seasons and Terry Labonte scaling back

to 10 races next year. It's the first of an expected wave of retirement, with 40-somethings Ricky Rudd, Dale Jarrett, Sterling Marlin and Kyle Petty

But right behind them is a wave of youngsters, led by rookie of the year Kasey Kahne, who finished second five times this season.

also nearing the end.

Busch Series champion Martin Truex Jr. and runner-up Kyle Busch will be full-time Cun drivers next season, filling seats no longer open to aging drivers.

### NASCAR final driver standings

3. Jeff Gordon	6,490	8. Matt Kenseth	6,069
4. Mark Martin	6,399	9. Elliott Sadler	6,024
5. Dale Earnhardt Jr.	6,368	10. Jeremy Mayfield	6,000
	Busch	SERIES	
1. Martin Truex Jr.	5,173	6. Jason Keller	4,088
2. Kyle Busch	4,943	7. David Green	4,082
3. Greg Biffle	4,564	8. Ashton Lewis Jr.	3,892
4. Ron Hornaday Jr.	4,258	9. Kenny Wallace	3,851
5. Mike Bliss	4,115	10. David Stremme	3,738

NEXTEL CUP SERIES

6,506 6. Tony Stewart

7. Ryan Newman

#### CRAFTMAN TRUCK SERIES 1. Bobby Hamilt 3 624 6 David Stan 3 298 2. Dennis Setzer 7. Jack Spragu 3,167 3.578 3. Ted Musera 8. Travis Kvapil 3,152 4. Carl Edwards 3.493 9. Steve Park 3.138 5. Matt Crafton 3.379 10. Chad Chaffin 3.122

#### College football schedule/statistics

#### Weekend schedule

Friday, Nov. 26 MIDWEST Colorado (6-4) at Nebraska (5-5) SOUTHWEST LSU (8-2) at Arkansas (5-5)

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#### **Division I-AA playoffs**

First Round
Saturday, Nov. 27
Jacksonville State (9-1) at Furman (9-2)
Hampton (9-1) at William & Mary (9-2)
James Madison (9-2) at Lehigh (9-2)
Western Kentucky (9-2) at Sam Houston
tate (9-2)
Northwestern State (9-2)

(ate (9-2) Northwestern State (8-3) at Montana (9-2) E. Washington (8-3) at So. Illinois (10-1) Lafayette (8-3) at Delaware (8-3) New Hampshire (9-2) at Ga. Southern (9-2)

### **Division II playoffs**

Quarterfinals
Saturday, Nov. 27
West Chester (10-3) at E. Stroudsburg (10-1)
Northwest Missouri State (11-1) at Pittsburg State (12-0-1), at Albany State, Ga. (11-0)
Valdosta St. (10-0-1), at Albany State, Ga. (11-0)
crand Valley St. (10-2) at North Dakota (10-2)

#### Division III playoffs

Second Round
Second Round
Hobart, N.Y. Saturday, Nov. 27
St. John Fisher, N.Y. (10-1) at Delaware Valley (11-0)
Christopher Newport, Va. (9-2) at Washington & Jefferson, Pa. (11-0)
Wheaton, III. (10-1) at Mount Union, Ohio
Carthaon. Carthage, Wis. (10-1) at Wooster, Ohio (11-0)

(11-0) Cocidental, Calif. (9-1) at Concordia-Moorhead (11-0)
Mary Hardin-Baylor (10-1) at Hardin-Simmons (10-0)
Wisconsin-La Crosse (7-3) at Linfield, Ore. (9-0)

### NAIA playoffs

Quarterfinals Saturday, Nov. 27 Hastings (9-2) at 5t. Francis, Ind. (11-0) MidAmerica Nazarene (9-2) at George Kir (11-0) MidAmerica Nazarene (9-2) at George-town, Ky. (11-0) Carroll, Mont. (8-2) at Dickinson State (9-1) Sioux Falls (11-0) at Azusa Pacific (10-2)

#### **Division I-A team statistics** Total offense

	Plays	Yds	Yds I
Louisville	686	4891	543.
Boise St.	806	5070	507.
Utah	801	5530	502.
Bowling Green	723	4964	496.
California	687	4896	489.
Texas Tech	784	4867	486.
Toledo	748	4735	473.
Texas	737	4724	472
Oklahoma	817	5137	
Memphis	765	4640	464.
Purdue	837	5011	455.
Texas A&M	693	4545	454.
Michigan St.	817	4922	447.
Minnesota	756	4909	446.
Northern Illinois	787	4906	446.
Virginia	707	4360	436.
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Louisville	278 198	2788	309.
Toledo	345 244	3087	308.
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wers, Nevada	11	83	1052	7.5
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ss, Oregon State	11		1274	
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Texas quarterback Vince Young (left) tries to elude Oklahoma safety Donte Nicholson during the Sooners 12-0 victory on Oct. 9. The Longhorns, who play rival Texas A&M, are seeking their first BCS bowl bid.

## **BCS** race focuses on Texas

### Longhorns hold key to Cal's. Boise State's bowl hopes

Boise State coach Dan Hawkins, whose team

is ranked seventh in the BCS standings, will

be rooting for Texas A&M to beat Texas. The

Longhorns are ranked fifth in the BCS. Teams

from non-BCS conferences that finish the

season in the top six in the BCS standings

automatically get a bid to a BCS bowl game.

BY RALPH D. RUSSO The Associated Press

The Lone Star State's top rivalry will be drawing plenty of interest in Boise, Idaho, and Berkeley, Calif. No. 6 Texas hosts No. 22 Texas A&M on Friday with the Bowl Championship Series hopes of Boise
State and California on the line.



Boise State is seventh in the BCS standings this week. If the Broncos (10-0) can move up one spot, they'll guarantee them-selves a place in one of the four BCS games. Boise

State plays Nevada on Saturday but what happens in Reno is only part of the equation for the Broncos. Texas is fifth in the BCS standings and if the Longhorns win, the chances of the Broncos cracking the

top six in the final BCS standings go way down. "There's one more game, and hopefully there's

two more, and we know the importance of that." Broncos coach Dan Hawkins said. "When all of the dust settles, then we'll sit back and say 'Hey, nice season but until that time we've got

work to do.' The Longhorns again are on their way to being the odd team out of the BCS. Utah is virtually locked into the top six, securing one of the two BCS at-large bids for the Utes (11-0).

California is fourth in the BCS standings and in position to grab the other at-large bid. The Rose Bowl wants desperately to have Cal play Michigan, assum-ing No. 1 USC is in the Orange Bowl.

But Cal's position is tenuous, too. The Golden Bears play on Dec. 4 at Southern Mississippi, a game resched-

uled because of a hurricane in September. Cal's first concern is beating the Golden Eagles. But they also have to keep an eye on Texas and

Boise State It's probably best for Cal if Texas wins on Friday and blocks Boise State. If Boise State is in the top six, Cal would get bumped regardless of where the Bears finish

But here's the catch for the Bears: They're .0203 ahead of Texas, which curiously gained substantial ground on Cal in the coaches poll after struggling to beat Kansas two weeks ago and not playing last week. Cal's BCS lead is solid but probably not insurmountable. And if Texas passes Cal in the BCS standings, the Bears are out.

So Cal needs the Longhorns to win, just not too impressively.

"It's something we need to keep an eye on now," Cal coach Jeff Tedford said. "That being said, the only thing we can control is how we prepare to play against Southern Miss.' The picks:

Friday

No. 22 Texas A&M (plus 11) at No. 6 Texas: Long horns going for five straight in series ... TEXAS 28-23.

No. 14 LSU (minus 4) at Arkansas: Home teams have won past six in series ... ARKANSAS 19-16. No. 18 Arizona State (minus 14) at Arizona: NCAA calls Territorial Cup oldest rivalry trophy in

college football ... ARIZONA **STATE 38-16.** 

Saturday

Notre Dame (plus 23) at No. 1 Southern Cal: Trojans have won past two by com-bined 89-27 ... USC 28-17.

Cincinnati (plus 17½) at No. 7 Louisville: Tough for Bearcats to keep up if in-jured QB Gino Guidugli doesn't play ... LOUISVILLE 44-24.

Georgia Tech (plus 151/2) at No. 8 Georgia: Bulldogs have won three straight in series, scoring 116 points ...

GEORGIA 34-14. No. 10 Roise State (minus 25) at Nevada: Broncos' winning streak ends at 21 ... NE-

VADA 48-40. No. 16 Virginia (plus 4) at No. 11 Virginia Tech: Hokies end Cavs' slim ACC title VIRGINIA TECH

20-17. Kentucky (plus 23½) at No. 15 Tennessee: Any arterback will do for the Vols ... TENNESSEE

Syracuse (plus 111/2) at No. 17 Boston College: BC

locks up BCS bid ... BOSTON COLLEGE 24-17.

No. 23 Oklahoma State (plus 5) at Texas Tech: Sonny Cumbie is latest Texas Tech QB to lead na-tion in yards passing ... TEXAS TECH 34-31. No. 24 UTEP (minus 8½) at Tulsa: Miners going for first nine-win season since 1988 ... UTEP 30-19.

Last week: 16-1 (straight); 14-3 (vs. points).

Season: 181-45 (straight); 118-95-5 (vs. points).

## Rejuvenated Heels win Maui Invitational

The Associated Pre-

LAHAINA, Hawaii — Raymond Felton did everything to get North Carolina another Maui Invitational championship.

The junior point guard ran the offense as he always does, defended the opponent's best backcourt player as he always does and even threw in a couple of high-light-tape moves in the 11th-ranked Tar Heels' 106-92 victory over lowa on Wednesday

Oh, and he did it all one day after his hurting his left wrist.

"I was in pain the whole time, but I just forgot about it." Felton said. "I love my teammates to death, the coaching staff, Coach Williams. I'll always give them 100 percent."

100 percent."

It was the fourth Maui Invitational title game in as many appearances for the Tar Heels (3-1)
and they headed back to the mainland with a second championship
trophy. And even though Rashad
McCants had 22 points. Felton
was the main reason, so he was selected the tournament MVP.

His stats weren't overly impressive — 13 points, nine assists, five rebounds and four steals — but it was the defensive job he did on Iowa's Jeff Horner that set the tone for the Tar Heels.

"We talked about how Horner



is the key to their whole team because he shoots with such range he spreads your defense," Tar Heels coach Roy Williams said. "Whoever is guarding him has to keep him in front of them but be close enough to do something. Chose he could be a such a something, and defender and his play was important to us on both ends of the court. He established the tempo on the offensive end and he's difficult to dribble penetrate against on the defensive end."

Horner averaged 22.5 points in the first two games for the Hawkeyes (3-1), shooting 22-for-40 from the field. Felton, playing with a bandage on his left wrist, just wouldn't let Horner get

the ball where he wanted it.

Horner took just four shots in the first half and made two, and had six points as North Carolina took a 59-40 lead. The Tar Heels shot 58 percent in the first half, closing the opening 20 minutes by making 11 of their last 14 shots.

In its semifinal win over Tennessee, North Carolina made 14 of its last 17 shots in the first half to take control.

"I think more than what Felton

did defensively was how he broke our defense down," I owa coach Steve Alford said. "He was tremendous. He made shots and does such a great job of setting everybody else up. Nine assists and ne turnover. He had a very, very good game and he's as good a point guard as we've played."

Adam Haluska had 19 points and Horner added 18 for Iowa, which beat No. 12 Louisville and No. 15 Texas to reach the championship game.

"Three games in three days is one thing but Louisville, Texas and North Carolina, all top 15 teams, that's a whole other level," Alford said. "We found out a lot and I feel there's great potential with this team."

No. 1 Wake Forest 79, Providence 67: At New York, Justin Gray needed six stitches in his right eyebrow after taking an elbow to the face, but came back and finished with 21 points for Wake Forest in the semifinals of the Preseason NIT at Madison Square Garden.

The Demon Deacons (4-0) survived some hot shooting by Providence's Ryan Gomes to advance to the championship game Friday night against Arizona.

Gomes led Providence (3-1) with 24 points and Dwight Brewington added 23. No. 5 Illinois 85, Oakland, Mich. 54: At Champaign, Ill., Luther Head scored Illinois' first seven points and finished with 22

Deron Williams added 17 points and had nine assists for Illinois (3-0).

to lead the Illini (3-0).

No. 12 Louisville 82, Stanford 67: At Lahaina, Hawaii, Taquan Dean scored 30 points and Louisville (3-1) beat Stanford in the fifth-place game of the Maui Invitational.

Rob Little had 19 points for Stanford (2-2).

No. 15 Texas 95, Tennessee 70: At Lahaina, Hawaii, freshman guard Daniel Gibson scored 19 points, leading the Longhorns (3-1) over Tennessee (1-2) in the third-place game of the Maui Invitational.

No. 18 Arizona 61, Michigan 60 (07): At New York, Hall of Fame coach Lute Olson pushed his Madison Square Garden winning streak to 11 games with Arizona's victory.

In the extra period, Chris Hunter gave Michigan the lead, but Arizona (3-1) battled back, tying it on two free throws by Channing Frye and then moving ahead on a foul shot by Mustafa Shakur and a basket by Jawann McClellan.

Michigan (3-1) got into it again on free throws by Dion Harris,

Daniel Horton and Hunter. The Wolverines had the ball and a chance to win, but Horton's shot

missed.

No. 16 Pittsburgh 83, Robert
Morris 59: At Pittsburgh, Chris
Taft and Chevon Troutman led a
16-0 run during the final six minutes of the first half to help Pittsburgh (2-0) beat city rival Robert

Morris (1-3).

Taft finished with 21 points and nine rebounds and point guard Carl Krauser had 18 points. Pittsburgh won its 42nd in a row at home against non-conference opponents and improved to 24-0 against Robert Morris.

No. 19 Alabama 90, Alaska-Anchorage 55: At Anchorage, Alaska, Jernmareo Davidson socred 15 of his 17 points in the first half, leading Alabama (3-0) to a rout of Division II Alaska-Anchorage (1-2) in the first round of the Great Alaska Shootout.

Davidson added 13 rebounds for Alabama and Earnest Shelton had 18 points.

No. 24 Gonzaga 88, Idaho 74: At Spokane, Wash., senior Ronny Turiaf scored a career-high 40 points and grabbed 11 rebounds, leading Gonzaga (3-0) past Idaho (0-4).

Turiaf became the first Gonzaga player since Jim McPhee in 1990 to score 40 in a game. Dandrick Jones led Idaho with 23

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### Most TD passes in a season

## **Falcons hunting** for fourth banner

BY PAUL NEWBERRY The Associated Press

FLOWERY BRANCH, Ga. -Championships are a rarity around these parts.

The Atlanta Falcons have three banners hanging from the roof of the Georgia Dome - two for division titles, another for their lone

NFC crown in 1998. Barring a major collapse, they'll have to make room for another

With six games to go, the Falcons (8-2) lead the NFC South by four games. They can clinch the division by beating New Orleans on Sunday and Tampa Bay the following week.

"We'd be lying if we told you we didn't look to see where we are. Sure, we look at it," defensive tackle Chad Lavalais said after prac-tice Wednesday. "But we're not consumed by it. We know where

we're at and how we got there."
The Falcons had been in the league 15 seasons when they won their first division title in 1980. Eighteen years passed before they claimed their second a springboard to the only Super Bowl appearance in franchise history. Now, No. 3 is right in their

grasn. "Sure, winning the division is one of our goals," cornerback Kevin Mathis said. "But that's not our ultimate goal. Our ultimate goal is to be in the Super Bowl."

Coach Jim Mora, who has done a masterful job of reviving a team that went 5-11 last season, refuses to acknowledge the Falcons' comfortable position in the standings.

He hasn't talked about it with the players and doesn't see any need to bring it up

"I don't believe there's anyone in this organization who feels like we've accomplished a dang thing," Mora said. "We have not assured ourselves a playoff berth. We have not wrapped up the division. We have not gotten ournot gotten ourselves a home We have not gotten game home-field advantage. All we've done is win enough games to be in first place with six to go."

Still, the Falcons have put themselves in an enviable position.

The schedule is favorable, with the next five games against teams with losing records - New Orleans (4-6), Tampa Bay (4-6), Oak land (3-7), Carolina (3-7) and New Orleans again. Atlanta closes the season at Seattle (6-4), but that could be a game that mainly determines playoff positioning.

The Saints are more focused on wild-card berth than trying to catch the Falcons

"There's an opportunity for us, but it's going to be tough," New Orleans quarterback Aaron Brooks said. "We would have to run the table and receive some help along the way

With a solid hold on the divi-sion, the Falcons can work toward getting a first-round bye in the playoffs. They need to finish in the top two of the NFC, currently holding the second spot behind East-leading Philadelphia (9-1). No other team is within two games of Atlanta. The Falcons' last playoff appearance came two years ago, when they sneaked in as a wild card. They became the first visiting team to win a postseason game at Green Bay's Lambeau Field, but lost the following

week at Philadelphia. With that in mind, tight end Alge Crumpler hopes the Falcons get to play at least one playoff game at the Georgia Dome. Two would be even better.

"I know how our crowds have been this season. If we can get some home games in the playoffs, just imagine what kind of excite ment there would be," Crumpler said. "If anyone gets complacent, I'll be the first one to make sure it doesn't happen.'

Feast: Colts maul Lions FEAST FROM BACK PAGE half with a shoulder injury that Detroit and its quarterback are

headed in the opposite direction. A month ago, the Lions were being praised for their turnaround after winning an NFL-low 10 games the past three years They have since reverted to their old ways.

Joey Harrington was 14 of 23 for 156 yards before he was benched in favor of McMahon late in the third quarter.

No such problems for the Colts Harrison caught 12 passes for 127 yards, and Stokley had five receptions for 57 yards. Edgerrin James had 23 carries for 105 vards Stoklev caught three TD passes

in the first half, and Harrison had one to help the Colts take a 27-9 lead at the break.

Lions returner Eddie Drummond, who has scored on four punt and kickoff returns this sea son, left at the start of the second might end his season. Things got so had for the Lions that Drummond's replacement, Reggie Swinton, fumbled on a punt return and the ball was eventually recovered by Colts punter Hunter Smith.

Detroit's subdued fans came to life when Harrington was replaced by McMahon late in the third quarter. But McMahon couldn't help the offense, going 11 of 15 for 105 yards and the game-ending interception

Mariucci said despite the change. Harrington has not lost his job.

"I thought Joey did OK, but the score got away from us, so I saw an opportunity to get Mike some much-deserved playing time, Mariucci said.

Kevin Jones ran for 99 yards on 12 carries for the Lions, who fell to 33-30-2 in their traditional Thanksgiving Day home games.

The Colts handed Detroit its most lopsided loss on the holiday.



Bucs wide receiver Joe Jurevicius pulls in a touchdown pass last Sunday. The soft-spoken receiver is excited about his 3-month-old daughter and eager to help the Buccaneers turn their season around.

## Jurevicius enjoying his second chances

BY FRED GOODALL

The Associated Press

TAMPA. Fla. - Joe Jurevicius kneels in the end zone before each game, writes his late son's first initial in the turf and reminds himself how fortunate he is to have a second chance to be a father and a football player.

Tampa Bay's soft-spoken receiver is back after being sidelined nearly a year by injuries. excited about 3-month-old daughter and eager to help the Buccaneers turn their season around.

"It's very gratifying. You realize how much you love this game when you're away from it," Jurevicius said.

"On one hand you realize you won't be able to play forever. On the other hand, you want to play as long as you can. When you have injury after injury, stemming from one injury, it plays with your mind."

An extremely private guy who briefly opened his life to the public when his son was born with a neurodegenerative disease during Tampa Bay's Super Bowl run two years ago, Jurevicius was poised to have a breakout season in 2003 before a torn knee ligament shut him down in the second game. When he tried to come back too

soon, he hurt the knee again and had surgery. Six months later, he developed a back problem that also required surgery and forced him to sit out the first six games of this season on the re-serve/non-football injury list.

He never doubted he'd return and be a productive player again.
"The one thing I've learned is you've got to remain positive.

Things don't always go your " said Jurevicius, who adjusted the way he walked after knee surgery and is convinced that's what created his back problems "For whatever reason, I didn't

have a roadblock, I had a building in my path. I had to be patient. I had to work around things and stay focused on what I wanted to do - and that was to get better and get on the field.'

The Bucs (4-6) are 3-1 since he returned, and the 29-year-old is coming off a five-catch, two-touchdown performance in a 35-3 rout of San Francisco. The TDs were

his first since he scored two in last year's season opener at Philadelphia. celebrated one score

against the 49ers by giving the ball to an Air Force captain standing behind the end zone. He did a little jig after the other TD, but kept the ball with plans with paint it pink and give it to his daughter, Caroline, born during training

To me, my family is my priority. It's not football, family. It's family, football," Jurevicius said. "But I'd be lying if I said one didn't motivate the other.'

The initials "MWJ" are tattooed on the receiver's left biceps in memory of his late son. Michael William, who was born during the playoffs in January 2003. The infant died a few weeks after the Bucs beat Oakland in the Super Rowl

Last Sunday, he felt his son was with him when he scored against the 49ers.

"I've got an angel upstairs." Jurevicius said. "Michael's my man. I always write the initial of his first name in the end zone before each game just so he can come for a ride with his dad." The Bucs hope last Sunday's

performance is a sign of things to come. A big, physical receiver with a knack for gaining yards after the catch, Jurevicius has 11 receptions for 149 yards in four

And he's excited about the pros pect of being more involved in the offense down the stretch. Jurevicius hurt his knee in a col-

lision with teammate Mike Alstott. who injured his neck on the play and later had surgery for a herniated disk. The six-time Pro-Bowl fullback got a close-up view of what the receiver went through to get back on the field. "A lot of guys would have quit,"

Alstott said But thoughts of his children

wouldn't let him, Jurevicius said. The receiver noted doctors originally told him and his wife that Michael would only live 72 hours. Instead, the infant battled his illness for more than two months.

"He never gave up. There are certain lessons to be learned from that," he said. "A lot of them, I'll never let out. A lot of things that happened are personal, and I'm going to keep them that way."

## **Dolphins discuss Williams**

#### Team split on star's return

BY GREG BEACHAM The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO - Just when the Miami Dolphins thought they were done talking about Ricky Williams, news of the wayward running back's imminent return to the NFL put him back in his former teammates

thoughts Wednesday. And not all of them were happy to be thinking and talking about whether Ricky will run for the Dolphins again.

Even during a week away from South Florida, the Dolphins couldn't get away from the specter of Williams, who stunned the team with his abrupt retirement before training camp. His departure precipitated Miami's freefall into its first losing season in 16 years, leading to coach Dave Wannstedt's resigna

tion two weeks ago. Defensive end Jason Taylor was among Williams' harshest critics when the running back walked away. When asked how Williams might be welcomed back to Miami. Taylor es-

sentially bit his tongue. "I don't know. Everybody is different," Taylor said. "Everybody has different opinions of the situation. If it happens, then we'll deal with it then, but everyone's reaction is going

While the Dolphins (1-9) were holed up in a San Francisco hotel this week preparing for Sunday's game against the 49ers, Williams was taking holistic medicine classes at a school about 180 miles northeast of the Bay Area - and his lawyer was working out a deal to get Williams back in the league.

According to his lawyer, Williams hopes to move from the retired list to the suspended list Dec. 5, when he'll serve his four-game suspension for violating the league's substance-abuse rules.

After that, he would be under contract to Miami again - and the Dolphins would be forced to decide whether to welcome back a player who quit on them, or work out the best trade possible for a talented player with serious drawbacks to potential suitors.

Or release Williams.

Given the Dolphins' dismal season and nonexistent running game, most of the players feel they're in no position to pass judgment on Williams — and not all of the Dolphins share Taylor's animus

"As a teammate, I'd welcome him," defensive end David Bowens said. "I'm cool with it. First, he owes an apology. It's about his teammates. (But) I'm always a forgiver. It's something for Rick and the guys upstairs. It's obviously going to be after the season."

The Dolphins never found an effective re-



Ricky Williams, leaving a college for holistic medicine in Grass Valley, Calif., will begin serving a four-game suspension on Dec. 5, clearing the way for his return in 2005.

placement for Williams, who rushed for 3,225 vards in two seasons with Miami

Sammy Morris has started the past five games and is averaging 3.6 yards per carry, while Travis Minor is hobbled by the sprained ankle that sidelined him for five weeks. Morris missed the Dolphins' practice on Wednesday with a rib injury.

## Three players back up Clarett's claims

Three former Ohio State football players backed up some of Maurice Clarett's allegations that players received improper benefits while on the team, ESPN.com reported Wednesday night.

Carolina Panthers wide receiver Drew Carter, former OSU linebacker Fred Pagac Jr. and former Buckeyes fullback Jack Tucker said in a story posted on the Web site that they knew of tutors who completed homework for players. Carter said he was overpaid for working odd jobs.

Ohio State athletic director Andy Geiger and sports information director Steve Snapp did not immediately return messages left by The Associat-ed Press late Wednesday

But Snapp told ESPN.com he thought the story was "an-other example of selective journalism on (ESPN's) part and an attempt to run an unbalanced story

Pagac's father, Fred Sr., was an assistant coach at Ohio State for 19 years. Tucker was an Academic All-Big Ten pick.

"There are always people who will help you and cross the line," Pagac was quoted as saying in the report. "I've per-sonally seen it happen. You had tutors who if you asked them for help writing a paper they'd end up writing it. You'd go in and ask help about specifics and then it would end un

getting written. Carter told ESPN.com that he "got paid quite a bit of money for sweeping, cleaning up stuff, doing like very, very light work."

In an interview with ESPN The Magazine earlier this month, Clarett accused coach Jim Tressel, his staff and school boosters of arranging for him to get passing grades, cars, and thousands of dollars, including for bogus summer

The school denied the claims, and some former players told ESPN they never saw any wrongdoing in the Ohio State program. Carter, Pagac and Tucker told ESPN.com they didn't believe Tressel set up Clarett with vehicles.

Clarett led Ohio State to th national championship in 2002 as a freshman and hasn't played football since then. He was suspended for lying to investigators during an NCAA probe of allegations that he received improper benefits from a family friend.

## 49ers' Erickson says his job is secure

SANTA CLARA, Calif. - With a 1-9 record and persistent rumors about his job security, San



Francisco 49ers coach Dennis Erickson said Wednesday that team manage-ment has as-

sured him his job is safe for 2005 When asked if he had been told he would be back next year, Erickson said: "Oh, yeah. I mean there's no question about that. Like I've said, we have a long-term plan and we go ahead and go from there."

But he immediately added: "People can change their mind, you know that. A lot of people change their minds.

Heading into Sunday's home game against the Miami Dolphins, Erickson is 8-18 since get ting a five-year, \$12.5 million contract before the 2003 season. His NFL record is 39-51 (.433), including a four-year stint with the Seattle Seahawks

The 49ers' struggles this year have much to do with the team's overhauled roster. General Manager Terry Donahue bid farewell to several veterans last offseason as part of the team's plan to handle the salary cap and, with that in mind, Erickson's bosses have determined the coach is not to blame for what could be the worst 49ers season in history. Owner John York, through

spokesman Sam Singer, con-firmed Erickson's version of his

"That's correct. There have been zero discussions otherwise. Singer said.

During the weekend, reports resurfaced linking Erickson to the vacancy at the University of Washington, Quoting an anonymous source, profootballtalk.com said Erickson was headed for

question was whether he would finish the season or leave early to get a head start on recruiting for the Huskies

Erickson has vehemently denied interest in the Washington opening, saying, "I'm going to finish this thing and do what I came

A spokesman from the University of Washington said that the school would not comment on its coaching vacancy

#### Leftwich will start vs. Vikings

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. Byron Leftwich got the go-ahead Wednesday from coach Jack Del Rio to make his first start in three

weeks when the Jaguars play at Minnesota on Sunday. Leftwich has missed the past two games with a knee injury.

"He was able to work in full

pads and moved around pretty well." Del Rio said following Wednesday's workout. "He threw the ball accurately and made decisions. He basically picked up where he left off a little bit, so we're glad to see that

#### Staley to replace Bettis in Steelers' starting backfield

PITTSBURGH - The Pittsburgh Steelers are about to reward Jerome Bettis for one of the best three-game stretches of his career with some time off, even if he doesn't want it.

With Duce Staley expected to play Sunday against the Washington Redskins (3-7) after missing three games with a bruised ham string. Bettis returns to the bench as the Steelers (9-1) go for their

ninth consecutive victory.

"Obviously, the Bus has been rolling unbelievable, but it's going to be nice to have some rest back there for Jerome," rookie quarterback Ben Roethlisberger said.

Despite passing Tony Dorsett

#### NFL injury update

Ravens: RB Jamal Lewis (sprained ankle) out for Sunday.

Redskins: LB Mike Barrow (knee) out or season.

Seahawks: QB Matt Hasselbeck (leg) Steelers: WR Plaxico Burress (ham-tring) out for Sunday. Titans: RB Chris Brown (toe) question-

on Sunday to move into fifth place in NFL career rushing with 12.863 vards — the New York Jets' Curtis Martin is right behind - Bettis has been benched each of the past two seasons.

Bettis averaged 127 yards against Philadelphia, Cleveland and Cincinnati, 26 more yards than Staley's average, though Stalev has four 100-yard games in his past five starts.

"This is Duce's job," Bettis said. Staley said, "I strongly believe we have the best 1-2 combination in the league.

#### Raiders WR Porter intends to test free-agent market

ALAMEDA Calif - With his team almost certain to miss the playoffs for a second straight year and with plans to opt out of his contract at the end of the season. Oakland Raiders wide receiver Jerry Porter intends to get in the marketing business.

His product? Himself.

"Every game is a free-agent au-dition for me," said Porter, who leads the Raiders (3-7) in receptions and yardage this season. "I mean, I'm trying to go out and put the best product I can put out there on the field.

A second-round draft choice in 2000, Porter spent his first four years in the NFL as a well-paid understudy to Tim Brown and Jerry Rice. But when Brown was sed in the offseason and Rice was sent packing to Seattle during a midseason trade, the door was open for Porter to assume the No. 1 spot. He has done that to a certain ex-

tent with 38 recentions for 523 yards and one touchdown. At that pace, Porter will finish with career-high marks for catches and

#### **Dolphins LB Thomas doubtful:** QB Feeley plans to play

SAN FRANCISCO - Miami Dolphins linebacker Zach Thomas is doubtful for their upcoming game against the 49ers after missing practice Wednesday with a hamstring injury.

Thomas, a five-time Pro Bowl selection leads Miami with 131 tackles. He has made at least 11 tackles in every game.

Quarterback A.J. Feeley, who

played through a painful injury to his back and buttocks last week in Seattle, is listed as questionable but plans to play with the help of pain-blocking injections.

Sage Rosenfels is the backup, and the Dolphins signed veteran Jason Garrett on Wednesday.

"I'm surprised how went," Feeley said after Wednes-day's practice. "It all worked out right. Everything was crisp. There's no question about (start ing Sunday). ... I feel really bad for (Fiedler). There's no one on this team who has more respect for him than I do

#### Jets GM gets extension

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. - New York Jets General Manager Terry Bradway received two-year contract extension Thursday that will keep him in the organization through 2007

Bradway was unavailable for comment Thursday but released a statement in which he said. "We have laid a foundation here we believe will be successful for years

## Fourth Pacer implicated by video In message to Brown,

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. - Police have determined that a fourth Indiana Pacer, reserve center David Harrison, was involved in the brawl during last Friday night's Indiana-Detroit game.

Police Lt. James Manning said footage of the fight shows it was Harrison who punched John Ackerman, 67, in the stands. Ackerman claimed in a lawsuit filed Tuesday that it was Indiana's Jermaine O'Neal who hit him.

ESPN provided the NBA with footage from the broadcast, and the league issued a statement saying it decided not to suspend Harrison because of the circumstances in the exit area at the time the players were attempting to leave the floor Harrison however was

a punch in the stands as he and other players headed toward the locker room.

Todd Weglarz, one of the lawyers representing Ackerman, said he hadn't seen the videotape nurnortedly showing Harrison attacking his client, but was considering filing a subpoena to obtain a copy. He said there were no plans to drop O'Neal as a defendant.

O'Neal was suspended for 25 games for his role in the brawl, Stephen Jackson for 30, and Ron Artest, the first to bound into the stands and begin punching fans, for the rest of the season. Police have not been able to talk to any

of the Pacers, Manning said. The fight among spectators and players broke out near the end of Friday's game after a dispute on the court over a foul. A fan hurled a drink at Artest, who then charged into the stands and began beating a man he thought had done it.

The man attacked by Artest, Mike Ryan, of Clarkston, has re tained a lawyer, but has not decided yet whether to sue. Others hurt in the fight have filed suits against the Pacers, individual players and The Palace.

"Artest attacked him and wrong-fully so," Ryan's lawyer, Todd Flood, said Wednesday. "My client was truly an innocent victim.

Manning said Crimestoppers has offered a reward of up to \$1,000 for information on the fight and the man who threw a chair that struck several people The Pistons also have offered \$1,000 reward, team spokesman Matt Dobek said

# **James has 43 points**

If LeBron James was sending a nost-Olymnics message to Larry Brown, he wouldn't admit it.

Perhaps trying to prove Brown was wrong to bench him in Greece. James scored a career-high 43 points to lead the Cleveland Cavaliers to a 92-76 victory over the Detroit Pistons on Wednesday night.

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"I just go out and play my game. That's over," James said. "I don't need motiva roundup tion from that to play." During the

Olympics, Brown sat James, who had never spent so much time on the bench and didn't enjoy being a cheerleader. James averaged just 5.4 points in 11.4 minutes in eight games as the U.S. team settled for a bronze medal.

"He didn't say anything to us. but I think he wanted to stick it to him," Cavs guard Jeff McInnis said. "I think in the back of his

mind that's what he wanted to do?

James gave Brown a thank you card before the game for sending a baby gift following the birth of his son. Not much later, James sent another message to Detroit's coach by scoring 14 points in the first quarter.

"I'd say he's a better player."

Brown said. "I was proud of him. He took one bad shot. It's as good a performance as I've seen.

The NBA's reigning rookie of the year scored 21 points in the first half and 12 in the third quarter when he assisted on Cleveland's two other field goals. In the fourth, after Detroit pulled within

10, James made consecutive three-pointers before being taken out with 2:03 left to a rousing ovation and the Cavaliers up 87-71 Richard Hamilton scored 28 points for Detroit.

Bulls 101, Jazz 99: At Salt Lake City, rookie Ben Gordon scored 22 points, including four free throws in the final minute, to help Chicago avoid an 0-10 record that would have been the worst in franchise history.

Gordon also drew a charging foul on Matt Harpring in the clos ing minutes to help the Bulls become the final NBA team to win its first game.

Eddy Curry lost his starting spot but had 21 points before fouling out. Andrei Kirilenko scored 20 points to lead the Jazz.

Spurs 94. Mavericks 80: Tim Duncan scored 27 points and the Snurs held Dallas to 3-for-17 shooting in the fourth quarter to win their 18th straight regu-

lar-season home game. Dirk Nowitzki, listed as doubtful after spraining his left ankle Sunday in Denver, had 23 points

and 11 rebounds in 35 minutes. 76ers 110. Celtics 97: At Philadelphia. Allen Iverson had 28 points and 10 assists and Josh Davis moved into the starting lineup and added a season-high 19 points to help the 76ers snap a three-game losing streak.



Bulls guard Ben Gordon scored 22 points and made some clutch plays in the fourth quarter to help Chicago earn its first victory.

Davis, the CBA's most valuable player last season with the Idaho Stampede, started ahead of veter an Kenny Thomas and logged 26 minutes. He scored 11 straight Philadelphia points in the third quarter, including consecutive

Raptors 114, Knicks 91: Vince Carter scored 22 points and backup point guard Milt Palacio had a season-high 18 points and seven assists for the Rantors at

Trail Blazers 89, Magic 83: At

Orlando, Fla., Zach Randolph scored 20 of his 27 points after halftime and Damon Stoudamire had 16 points and eight assists. Randolph twice hit tie-break-

ing baskets in the final three minutes and his free throws with 34 seconds remaining put the game away

Heat 99. Hawks 93: Dwvane Wade had 31 points and 11 assists and had the most spectacular defensive play of the night in Atlanta. He just missed the first triple-double of his career, also pull-

ing down eight rebounds.

Shaquille, O'Neal, and, Udonis Haslem each had 21 points for Miami, which went ahead to stay when O'Neal dunked off a pass from Wade with 5:51 remaining.

SuperSonics 93, Grizzlies 84: Rashard Lewis had 27 points and 11 rebounds and Ray Allen added 20 points despite a poor shooting

night in Memphis. Seattle, which shot poorly and never led in the first half, started connecting in the third period. The Sonics were 14-for-22, including 3-for-4 from three-point

range, to build a 14-point lead. Suns 111, Bucks 104: Ir Phoenix, Shawn Marion had 23 noints and 12 rehounds and Steve Nash had 22 points and 12 assists. helping the Suns win their season-high sixth straight game.

#### NBA scoreboard

### **Eastern Conference**

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28-72 21-31 80. SAN ANTONIO — Bowen 4-7 1-2 10, Duncan 9-17 9-13 27, Nesterovic 3-9 0-2 6, Ginobili 2-6 0-3 4, Parker 5-10 4-6 15, Barry 4-4 3-3 12, Rose 2-10 2-2 6, Brown 0-4 1-2 1, Massenburg 0-12-2 2, Udrih 2-5-0-5, Horry 2-5 1-2 6, Wilks 0-0-0 0. Total 3-37-8 2-37 94.

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apolis receiver Brandon Stoklev stretches to score his third touchdown of the game during the Colts' 41-9 victory in Detroit on Thursday.

## Manning throws six TD passes as Colts roll

BY LARRY LAGE The Associated Press

DETROIT - Peyton Manning barks and gestures at the line of scrimmage, adjusting to defenses and changing play calls

It might seem like chaos, but he's in complete control. Blitzing linebackers or disguised coverages don't faze him. Manning truly seems flustered only when he's far from the field, standing in a locker room to talk about his remarkable performances.

In his latest brilliant display, Manning threw six touchdown passes in less than three quarters and increased his season total to 41, leading the Indianapolis Colts past the Detroit Lions 41-9 on Thursday

He set an NFL record with at least four TD passes in a fifth straight game - and he did it by halftime. Dan Marino had a four-game streak with at least four TDs in 1984, when he set the season mark with 48 TD passes.

"I feel uncomfortable talking about anything individual," Manning said, almost pleading to change the subject. "I just want to keep winning."

Connecting with Marvin Harrison and Brandon Stokley three times each for TDs, Manning finished 23 of 28 for 236 yards and zero interceptions for the AFC South-leading Colts (8-3)

Look at the performance this way: Manning had more TDs than incompletions.

"He's the hest that's ever played this game as far as quarterbacks are concerned," Stokley said. "When he's retired, they'll compare ev-erybody to Peyton Manning, without a doubt."

The reeling Lions (4-7) fumbled four times in their territory, missed a field goal and stalled repeatedly inside the Indianapolis 20. Fittingly, backup quarterback Mike McMa-



Colts wide receiver Marvin Harrison caught 12 passes for 127 yards and three touchdowns on Thanksgiving Day. The Colts amassed 469 yards on Thursday and scored more than 40 points for the third consecutive game.

hon fumbled on the final play before scooping up the football and throwing an interception in the end zone to cap what's now a five-game losing streak.

"This is the pinnacle of those five losses," cornerback Fernando Bryant said. The Colts replaced Manning with Jim Sorgi

late in the third quarter. Otherwise, the quarterback could have tied the NFL record of seven touchdown passes in a game, shared by five players: Sid Luckman, Adrian Burk,

George Blanda, Y.A. Tittle and Joe Kapp Manning matched the Colts record he set in

benched late in the third quarter Thursday. September 2003 against New Orleans, his father's former team. Before that performance, no one had thrown for six TDs in an NFL game in a dozen years. With five regular-season games left, Man-

back Joey Harrington failed to produce a touch-

down against the Colts' defense. Harrington

was 14 of 23 for 156 yards before he was

ning has matched Kurt Warner for third-most TD passes in a season. Marino threw 44 TDs

"Whatever record they want to break, they have a chance," Lions coach Steve Mariucci said Marino, a CBS analyst, was asked at half-time how teams should deal with Manning.

"Blitz him!" Marino said. The Lions tried that at times, but they were no match for Manning's quick release and

sound decision-making. All the offense is helping the Colts over-come their less-than-stellar defense. Indianapolis has won four straight games, scoring at

least 40 points in each of the past three.

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